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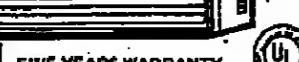
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Text of Libya-Syria merger

Algiers, Damascus exchange messages; Arabs bless union

DAMASCUS, Sept. 12 (AP) — The presidents of Algeria and Syria have exchanged messages, amid speculation the oil-rich state was weighing the feasibility of joining or backing the Syrian-Libyan merger.

Ahmed Taleb Ibrahim, special envoy to Algerian President Benjedid Chadli, delivered his leader's message to Syrian President Hafez Assad who gave him a reply message to Benjedid, according to the official Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA).

Contents of the two messages were not disclosed, but the agency said these were "related to the merger of Syria and Libya" into a single state.

Syria and Libya proclaimed Wednesday they were merging into a single socialist state.

The merger proclamation meanwhile received additional support from the Arab world Friday.

Prince Salman Bin Abdul Aziz, governor of Riyadh, quoted as saying the Kingdom blesses the merger. The newspaper *Al Jeaza* said the prince made the comment in response to a question during a discussion he had with Saudi Arabian students studying in the United States.

"The Kingdom blesses the decision by Syria and Libya to merge because both Arabism and Islam call for unity," the prince was quoted as saying.

South Yemen declared support for the union in messages President Ali Nasser Muhammad dispatched to the leaders of Syria and Libya.

The PLO and Algeria already have announced their backing of the merger that is officially described by Syrian and Libyan leaders as a step to consolidate Arab defenses against Israel.

The Syrian official news agency said Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam returned home from the first stage of an Arab world tour that took him to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

Khaddam delivered messages from Syrian President Hafez Assad on the union to the heads of state he visited and returned with a message of support from UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahayan, according to the agency.

Khaddam prepared to begin the second stage of his tour by a trip to the Red Sea republics of North and South Yemen Saturday.

The Syrian daily *Tahrir* said in an editorial the merger "berths the beginning of the end for the Camp David accords" that produced the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

In Amman, the Jordanian independent newspaper *Al Akhbar* warned that Israel might capitalize on the merger declaration as a pretext to launch a pre-emptive war against Syria. "Signs pointing to the direction are emerging from Israeli official statements that the merger could pose a military threat to Israel," said the newspaper.

Kuwait and Qatar also expressed strong support to Syria and Libya in their efforts to

merge and wished them "complete success."

Kuwaiti minister of state of cabinet affairs Abdul Aziz Hussein made the announcement at the airport after the departure of Khaddam who arrived in Kuwait carrying a letter to deputy ruler and Crown Prince Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah. Kuwaiti ruler Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah is on a tour in the Far East.

The Qatar News Agency said heir apparent Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani told Khaddam his country welcomed the move and hoped for the unity of all Arabs states.

Arab press reports praised the union. Beirut's independent daily *An-Nahar* described the outline of the merger plan as more comprehensive than any previous unity attempts.

The UAE daily *al Ittihad* voiced apprehension, in view of the failure of previous Arab unity attempts. "All Arabs hope this unity will prove successful," *al Ittihad* said. "They want it to become an irrevocable step toward unity that will never result in separation."

The Kuwaiti independent daily *Al-Rai al-Am* called on Arab states to endorse the merger as "the only hope for Arab freedom and dignity." It added "we bless this unity

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Peace process irreversible; Sadat declares

PARIS, Sept. 12 (AP) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said in an interview published Friday that the peace process in the Mid-East is "irreversible," and that the dispute over Jerusalem could be resolved easily.

"With the Israelis, we have decided that there will never be another war after the one in October 1973," Sadat told *Figaro* magazine, the weekly supplement of the Paris daily *Le Figaro*.

"And the decision to make or not to make war is up to Egypt only in the Arab camp and not the other Arab countries. Understand one thing — without the Egyptian armed forces, the Arab military power is nothing, even if all the Arab armies unite."

The Egyptian president said the Israelis consider Jerusalem the thorniest of the Mid-East problems, but he said it in fact was the easiest because both sides agree that the city is "indefensible."

"I propose, for my part, a shared sovereignty over the Holy City, an Arab and Jewish council with a mayor elected by rotation every six months, one time an Israeli and another time an Arab," Sadat said.

Asked if the other Arab countries would recognize Israel once the Palestinian and Jerusalem questions have been settled, Sadat said "absolutely."

Yehuda Blum, Israel's ambassador to the

Turkish government toppled

Political leaders arrested; curfew imposed; no violence

25 a day.

Western observers here had been watching for a military takeover for months after Evran warned all Turkish constitutional institutions and political parties that political violence must be brought under control.

The military in this strategic North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member began announcing the coup in Ankara shortly before dawn apparently after the tanks had secured Demirel's residence and troops had put him under house arrest. As the broadcasts continued throughout the early morning the military set out a series of dictates. And Evran said the "National Security Council would hold all power until formation of a civilian government."

Evran, also announced on Turkish television that his ruling five-man security council would soon begin work drafting a new constitution paying particular attention to altering the nation's laws on elections and political parties.

Evran, a political moderate, gave no indication when new elections would be held but he promised a return to civilian rule. He also said Turkey would maintain its pro-Western foreign policy and would remain loyal to all its commitments, including those to NATO.

In addition to the arrest of Demirel and

Ecevit, military communiques said Necmettin Erbakan, chairman of the country's small but critical Muslim fundamentalist National Salvation Party, was "under the protection and custody" of the military.

The communiques called for Alpaslan Turkes, leader of the ultra-nationalist Acciun Party, to turn himself in.

Sources here said military buses were seen rounding up deputies of the National Assembly, lower house of Turkey's parliament.

Other communiques by the military leadership:

— Closed two of three Turkish trade unions. Only the moderate Turkish confederation was left untouched while an extreme leftist and extreme rightist labor group were closed.

— Frontiers were closed and public transportation suspended. Foreign airline crews at one of Ankara's main hotels were delayed in leaving, but the generals said foreign flights would resume soon and that tourists would be free to leave.

Reports reaching the capital indicated there had been no violence in the nuturing provinces. Twenty of Turkey's 67 provinces had been under martial law before the coup.

A NATO official told the Associated Press early Friday that the timing of the coup caught most Western observers off guard.

Most Turks refrained from displaying any outright sign of support for the military takeover, but some admitted that it was the last resort to disengage rival extremists who unleashed an undeclared civil war.

"Insh allah (God Willing), the army will make it again," said Serdar Ozdemir, a physician, who said he learned of the coup over the state radio.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Sondra McCarty said "we understand from our embassy there was no violence and no danger to Americans over there," Mrs. McCarty said. "We are awaiting more full information."

Sources at the Turkish embassy in Washington said the coup was triggered by the mounting political violence as well as an extended period of political paralysis. Turkey has been without a president since last April.

In Brussels North Atlantic Treaty Organization officials called the coup "strictly an internal matter." Friday but reiterated their belief that a strong, stable and violence-free Turkey is mandatory for the Western alliance.

A NATO spokesman issued an official "no comment" about the bloodless coup. In private, members of NATO's 15 national delegations said events in Turkey were being watched closely and that the alliance's greatest fear was a violent reaction in the military takeover.

One official said NATO planners were hoping the coup would run the same course as military takeover in Turkey in 1960 and 1971: swift restoration of order and eventual return of civilian control.

However maneuvers in Turkey involving 3,000 NATO troops will continue, a spokes-



Gen. Kenan Evran

man for the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) said Friday in Caserta, Belgium.

He said the maneuvers, which began Thursday and form part of NATO's annual exercises, would go ahead as scheduled.

In Copenhagen Danish Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen said Friday the military takeover in Turkey came as no surprise. But he called for "as early return to democratic rule, not least in view of Turkey's membership of the NATO alliance."

In Bonn, Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher appealed to the NATO ally to return to normal and democratic conditions as quickly as possible.

Hans Matthoefer, Bonn's finance minister, sharply criticized the detention of democratic political leaders by the military. He suggested they would have been well advised to have formed an emergency coalition prior to the takeover.

In Athens, the Greek government Friday denied rumors that the Greek army was alerted following the military coup in Turkey. Relations between the two countries are often strained over such issues as Cyprus, where populations of Greek and Turkish origin are in conflict.

Meanwhile the Turkish occupied northern part of war-divided Cyprus remained calm Friday. The estimated 25,000 Turkish troops remained in their barracks and shops and offices in the Turkish Cypriot region under their control opened for business as usual.

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass reported the coup with no comment except acknowledgement of a long period of political instability, violence and economic crisis in that country.

In an report from Ankara, Tass simply announced "the establishment of military and political control of the country by the armed forces" and added that the people had been "asked by a radio appeal to stay calm and remain at home."

Blum protests PLO power; Israel's status questioned

European allies were on the short end of a 95-17 vote in favor of the PLO.

As an observer, the PLO has a right to speak in U.N. debates on issues of direct concern. But it cannot vote and does not pay dues.

Last month, the PLO observer mission demonstrated its growing influence by playing a leading role in lobbying through a Security Council resolution that censured Israel for making all of Jerusalem the capital of the Jewish state.

To Blum's and Israel's bitter disappointment, the United States abstained and allowed the resolution to pass by a 14-0 vote. U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie personally withheld an American veto even though he admonished the council that the resolution was "fundamentally flawed" because it censured only the Jewish state without condemning "violence against Israel."

Now, the PLO and its Arab supporters are serving notice of a possible challenge to Israel's U.N. credentials at the fall session of the General Assembly, which opens next Tuesday. But American, Third World and U.N. officials doubt such a move would have a chance of success.

The PLO was granted observer status by the U.N. General Assembly in 1974 over the objections of Israel. The United States and its

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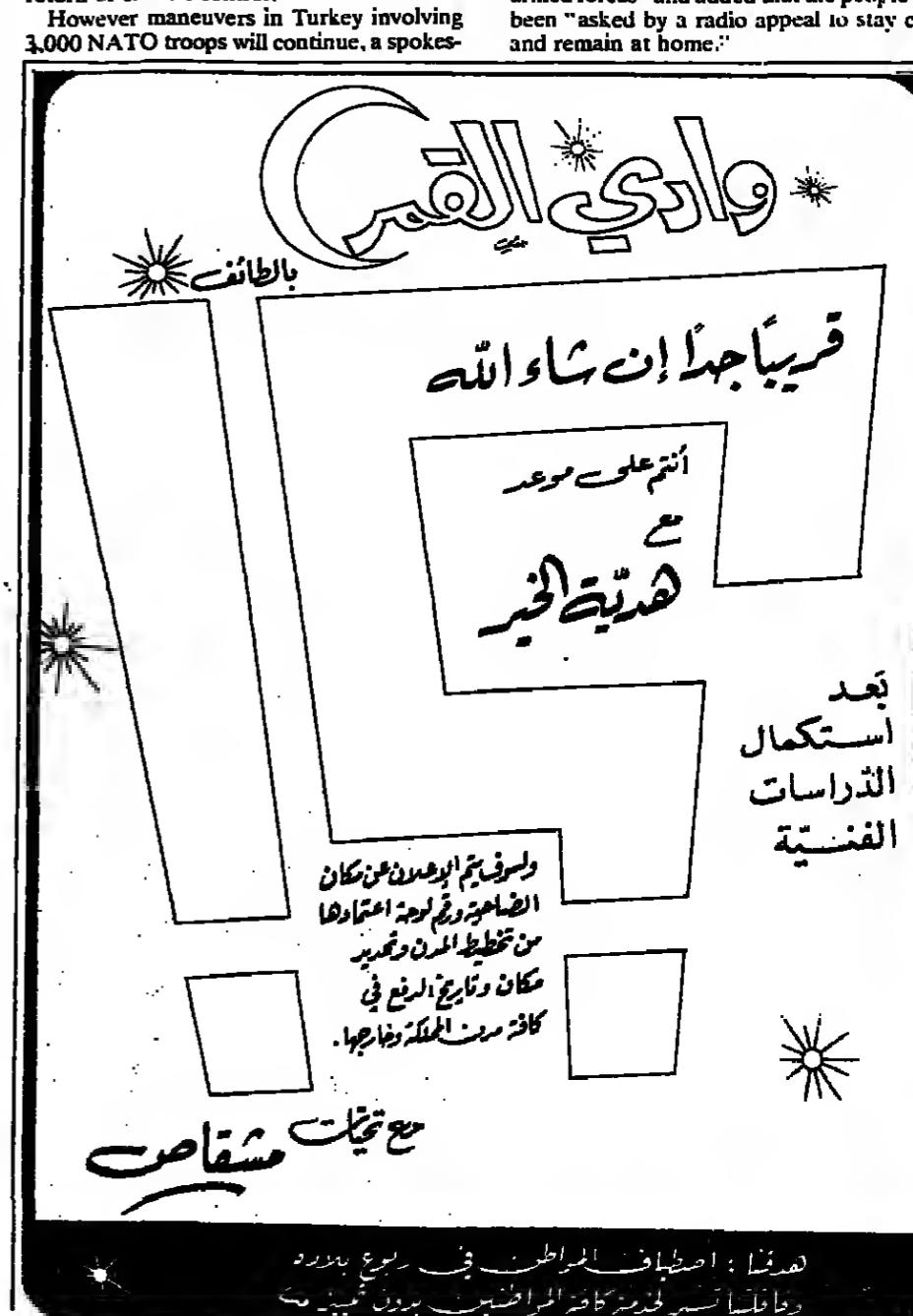
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Taher tells energy conference

No decision on oil output level

MUNICH, Sept. 12 (R) — Saudi Arabia has yet to decide whether to cut its production in the last quarter of 1980 from the present high level of 9.5 million barrels a day. Abdul Hadi Taher, governor of the Saudi state petroleum company Petromin said here Thursday.

Reporters asked him whether such a cut, at least down to the preferred Saudi output ceiling of 8.5 million barrels a day, would not be logical in view of a present glut on the market.

"It is not a question of logic or even of economics but of what happens in OPEC," Taher said.

Taher also told the 11th World Energy Conference here that he did not think it was possible to have a two-tier price system for oil which would give a cheaper rate for developing countries.

The Saudis have been keeping output high, they have explained, in order to stabilize the oil market. Now that the scramble for high prices of 1979 and early 1980 has halted they want to return the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to a unified pricing structure.

Taher was asked whether next week's meeting of OPEC oil, finance and foreign

Islamic University looks at new evening classes

TAIF, Sept. 12 (SPA) — Eveoing classes for Saudi Arabians, the possibility of girls' enrolment at the university and last year's accounts are agenda items for the Medina Islamic University's higher council meeting, scheduled to be opened by its chairman, Crown Prince Fahd Sunday.

Dr. Abdullah Al-Zayed, deputy chairman of the higher council, said issues related to the university's development will be discussed.

The higher council is made up of Saudi Arabian ulama and others from various Islamic countries. Council members from the Kingdom include: Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Abdallah ibn Baz, chairman of scientific research, dawa and guidance departments; Sheikh Saleh Al-Hassini; Dr. Abdullah Al-Turki, rector of the University of Petroleum and Minerals of Dhahran; Dr. Abdallah Al-Zayed, vice-chancellor and secretary general of Medina Islamic University; and deans of various faculties of Medina Islamic University.

The non-Saudi members includes: Sheikh Abu Hassan Al-Badawi, from India; Dr. Isaac Farhan, Jordan; Sheikh Yousef Al-Hajji, Kuwait minister of endowments; Sheikh Abu Bakr Bayoumi, former chief of justice, Nigeria; Dr. Abdul Salam Al-Harras, Morocco; and Dr. Mustapha Kamal Al-Tarzi, Tunisia.

Meanwhile, the first doctorate degree analysis in Median Islamic University will be presented by Naif Hashem Al-Dais Sept. 30. The analysis will be discussed at the department of higher studies by a committee that includes Sheikh Saleh Muhammad Al-Lihaidan, member of the grand ulema assembly in the Kingdom; Dr. Akram Al-Umari, head of the department of higher studies at the university; Dr. Muhammad Mustapha Al-Azami, professor of education at Riyadh University; and Dr. Omar Abdul Aziz, deputy chairman of the higher studies department of Medina Islamic University.

The discussion, under Dr. Umari, will be attended by the university's senior officials including Dr. Abdulla Al-Zayed.

Dais is the first student who earned a master's degree at the university, in 1978.

In other educational developments, 50 girls holding secondary school certificates have applied for jobs in Buraidah. The applications have been forwarded to the Civil Service Bureau's office in Qasim. They will be examined next week at the Agricultural Institute of Buraidah.

An official of the Civil Service Bureau said Thursday that the number of applications wasn't sufficient. There are 100 vacant jobs in the area, he said, and he called on all Saudi Arabian girls who fulfill the conditions for application, to apply to the bureau so that the vacant posts could be filled by nationals,

preferred ceiling to 8.5 million barrels a day last year after a post-revolution slump in Iranian exports created an oil shortage.

In formal remarks to the conference, Taher renewed Saudi criticism of Western oil stockpiling. "You can hardly come and complain about prices when at the same time you put pressure on the market by stockpiling. Stockpiling did a great deal of harm to the market last year," he said.

"While Saudi Arabia was trying to moderate the market, consumers were working the other way."

Saudi Arabia seeks a return to a unified price, abandoned in favor of a free-for-all last year, as a basis for a new long-term pricing formula under which gradual increases would be in part linked with inflation.

The financial plight of the oil-importing developing countries has been a major theme at the conference. Taher told the conference a two-tier price with cheaper rate for developing countries for crude from (OPEC) was not possible" and we have to work in the world of the possible."

But he said OPEC was working on finding ways of helping Third World states finance oil imports. "In essence, this is not a two-tier price but ultimately oil will cost them less," he said.

Questioned by reporters later, he also said OPEC countries were likely to respond favorably to the idea of a World Bank subsidiary to lend money for energy projects in the Third World.

Asked whether Saudi Arabia and other oil exporters would provide funds for the projects, he said : "I cannot say but I think the response will be favorable."

The World Bank already plans to invest \$13 billion in energy projects in the Third World during the next five years. Bank officials explained that new studies indicated it would be desirable to raise the sum to \$25 billion, and the proposed International Energy Corporation (IEC) would be created to handle this sum.

Trade with Singapore totals \$2.3 billion

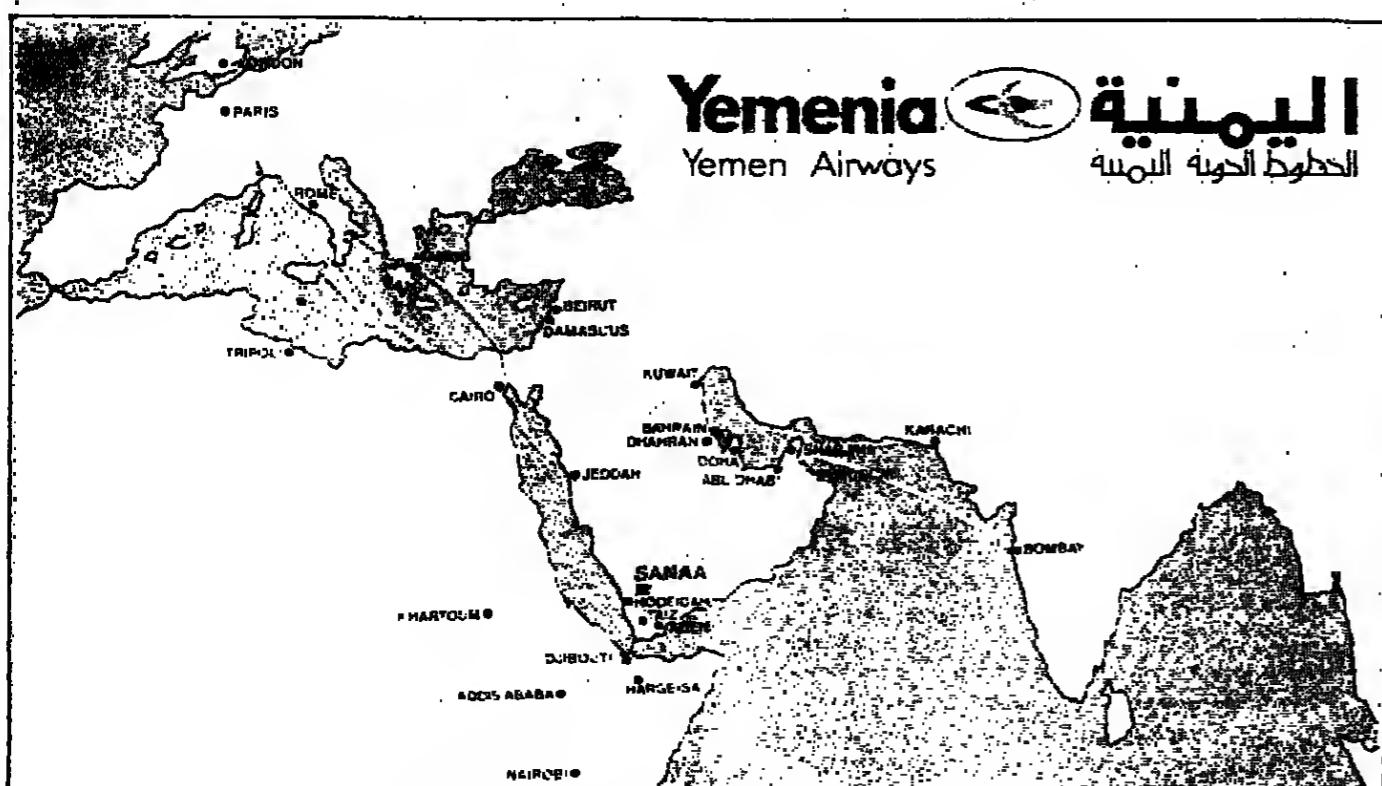
RIYADH, Sept. 12 (AFP) — Trade between Singapore and Saudi Arabia totalled some \$2.3 billion last year, Singapore Foreign Minister Srinathampillai Rajaratnam said in an interview with the newspaper *Al-Bilad* published here.

He also said: "Singapore offers vast scope for Arab capital investment in our various industries."

Rajaratnam said officials of the two countries' Chambers of Commerce and Industry would meet shortly to study closer business links. His interview appeared as he was visiting Baghdad, he was in Saudi Arabia from Aug. 22 to 25.

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MECCA: Pilgrims swarm through the streets of Mecca during last year's haj season. Some pilgrims have arrived this year in anticipation of the haj.

Chinese Muslims see Fahd; give jihad pledge

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 (CNA) — Crown Prince Fahd, Wednesday received in Taif a group of Chinese Muslims who have pledged to put their lives and property at the disposal of the Saudi Arabian government in support of the crown prince's call for jihad.

Abdul Rahman, head of the group, presented to the viceroy a petition signed by 177 Chinese Muslims living in the Kingdom to express their support to the prince's call and their readiness to follow the Saudi government in a holy war to restore the glory of Islam.

They renew in the petition the pledge, loyalty and obedience of the Chinese community in Taif to the Saudi government under the wise leadership of King Khaled.

In connection with the declaration of jihad, they say, they raise their hands toward Allah praying for the King's long life and putting themselves and their property at the disposal of his majesty's government.

They stress that they are waiting for his majesty's call and order.

The crown prince praised the action of the Chinese Muslims in the Kingdom and expressed his appreciation for their support to his call for jihad.

Comment

By Nasser Jandi Nasser
Al-Jazirah

The call for Arab and Islamic solidarity has begun to show its good effect at all Arab, Islamic and international levels, it has consolidated the bonds of friendship among the Arab and Islamic nation and has boosted positive and constructive cooperation among them. It is only through solidarity that the Arab and Islamic world has reinforced its respect and admiration at different levels.

The Arab and Islamic nation forms a stupendous force which can be largely instrumental in realizing the hopes and aspirations of the Arabs and Muslims everywhere. The force and effectiveness of solidarity has been seen in many fields, most prominent of these was reflected in the bold stance that Arabs and Muslims adopted following the Israeli decision to make Jerusalem the capital of Israel. Arabs and Muslims were shocked by the Zionist decision and, therefore, stood as one to face the Israeli challenge. They held meetings and conferences to condemn the act of Israel. They raised their voice at the U.N. Security Council, which adopted a firm resolution in which it condemned Israel and urged other nations to withdraw their representatives from Jerusalem. The unanimous resolution of the Security Council proved the Arab and Islamic nation's victory, which they achieved as a result of their unity and solidarity.

The world body's resolution showed its effect, as the foreign missions started moving from Jerusalem one after the other. Israel was badly jolted when Holland announced its decision to shift its embassy from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. The jolt was significant because Holland was known for its sympathy and support for Israel. The Dutch consul in Jeddah himself stated that his country took the decision out of respect for the concern the Arabs and Muslims had shown to the Dutch government over the Israeli decision to annex Jerusalem.

The Arab and Islamic stance was further reinforced following the bold step taken by Saudi Arabia and Iraq to sever diplomatic relations with any country that recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. The Arab and Islamic states have made the world condemn the Israeli decision on Jerusalem. They can foil all Zionist attempts and can even restore the usurped land only if they remain united and work in complete coherence and solidarity.

BRIEFS

Dammam Mayor assists in public health.

DAMMAM, Sept. 12 (SPA) — The Mayor of Dammam Zayed Fahd Al-Sukaiti at a meeting with officials of a national company involved in the cleaning of the city and spraying insecticides to protect the public health promised to help them perform their work. He called on the public to maintain the cleanliness of their city and not to throw garbage in the streets. These instructions have been circulated to all parts of the city, and offenders will be punished, Sukaiti warned.

New bus routes for Riyadh

RIYADH, Sept. 12 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company will start operating in Buraidah and Unaizah as of Saturday. SAPTCO buses will run three routes no. 50, 51 and 81. Routes 50 and 51 will run between Qassim airport and Buraidah, and Qassim airport and Unaizah, respectively. Route no. 81 runs between the center of Buraidah and Unaizah at the fare of SR5. To and from Qassim airport and the two towns will cost SR8.

New regulations for loans

DAMMAM, Sept. 12 (SPA) — The Saudi Credit Bank in Dammam has begun granting loans according to the new regulation regarding marriage, renovation and technical skills loans. Saudi Credit Bank Director Abdullah Al-Shifa said that people whose monthly income does not exceed SR3,000 will be granted SR15,000 loans for marriage and SR30,000 for renovation and professional skills, according to the new rules.

Welfare foundation receives more donations.

RIYADH, Sept. 12 (SPA) — Kig Faisal Welfare Foundation has received more donations totalling to SR520,000. Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thunayan donated SR500,000; Sheikh Shaker Shakour and Sheikh Ahmad Al-Harthy, SR10,000; and Sheikh Said Faragh Al-Garni, SR10,000.

More land granted to farmers

ZALFI, Sept. 12 (SPA) — The Agricultural Unit in Zalfi granted 10 land plots of 50 Donum each to farmers in the area. The un-

its director, Saud Al-Tayyar, has said that the unit distributed to citizens 150 land pieces now being cultivated. The agricultural land distribution system is based on granting land ready for cultivation on the condition that it is utilized during a specific period.

More choice for flour retailers

DAMMAM, Sept. 12 (SPA) — The Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization's factory here will soon produce one and two kilo packages of four for marketing. The factory has produced 113,000 tons of various types of flour since its establishment in 1978, according to Abdullah Al-Ribayan, the factory's director.

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Neither side softens position

Peace talks on Western Sahara in critical stage

FREETOWNS, Sierra Leone, Sept. 12 (R) — Peace talks on the Western Sahara conflict reached a critical stage here Thursday, but a settlement appeared unlikely. As an Organization of African Unity (OAU) committee considered testimony from the parties involved, diplomatic observers said neither side had softened its position and the conference atmosphere was bad.

The Moroccan army has been fighting a war for four years against Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas who want to establish an independent state in the former Spanish colony. Morocco has been losing diplomatic ground on the issue. More than half of the OAU's 50 member states recognized the Polisario's self-proclaimed "Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic" at the organization's last summit here in July.

Morocco has reaffirmed its opposition to holding a referendum in the Western Sahara, saying the population has expressed its wish many times to be part of Morocco. It has also ruled out the possibility of talks with Polisario leaders.

The growing support for the Algerian-backed guerrillas has given rise to accusations that the backing of some African countries was being bought. President Leopold Sedar-Senghor of Senegal, an ally of Morocco in the dispute, has said publicly that petrodollars were buying support for the Polisario.

Sierra Leone, a recent convert to the Polisario cause, has acknowledged openly the receipt of gifts from Algeria. Before the six-nation OAU committee began its final deliberations Thursday, Presidents Shehu Shagari of Nigeria and Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone conferred privately with Algerian President Chadli Ben Jedid.

No details of their talks were disclosed.

Singapore's aide describes Soviets as evil force

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 12 (R) — Singapore's second Deputy Prime Minister in charge of foreign affairs, Simhaibay Rajaratnam Thursday described the Soviet Union as an "evil force" responsible for driving out refugees from Afghanistan and Kampuchea, the Associated Press of Pakistan News reported.

The agency said Rajaratnam referred to the condition of Kampuchean refugees while visiting an Afghan refugee camp near Hesher, the capital of the northwest frontier province.

"We are united against the same enemy," the agency quoted him as telling a group of refugees. Earlier Pakistani sources said Rajaratnam held talks in Islamabad with Pakistani officials on developments in Afghanistan and Kampuchea and the Middle East situation.

The sources said the two sides had agreed that foreign military intervention in Afghanistan and Kampuchea had to be brought to an early end. They had emphasized that the nonaligned status of these two countries had to be restored and their peoples enabled to decide their own destiny free from foreign intervention, domination and coercion.

The sources said Rajaratnam briefed the Pakistani side on his discussions on the Middle East question with leaders of Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Bahrain which he visited recently.

American, Egyptian pilots carry out joint exercise

CAIRO, Sept. 12 (R) — American and Egyptian pilots flying F-4 Phantom fighter bombers carried out a joint exercise Thursday in which Maverick air-to-ground missiles were fired, an Egyptian spokesman said. The exercise was carried out despite a Peotago decision to ground U.S. air force Phantoms after problems were discovered with the ejection seat mechanism.

The United States sold Egypt 35 F-4's as part of a large military assistance program and an American squadron of F-4's has been in Egypt since July at the invitation of the

BRIEFS

NEW YORK, (AP) — Some 2,000 American combat troops are to be airlifted to Egypt in early December in a test of this nation's reaction in a military crisis, American Broadcasting Company television network news reported Thursday. ABC correspondent John Scali said the deployment will be short-lived and the aim will be to demonstrate "a vastly improved capacity to react in a military crisis."

WASHINGTON, (AP) — U.S. representative Paul Findley urged approval Thursday

of a new program that would help finance construction of a grain elevator in Israel for storing more U.S. grain sales. The congressman said the elevator not only would increase U.S. grain sales to Israel, but it could become a regional depot serving Egypt as well.

LONDON, (AP) — A 28-year-old Iraqi student was jailed at London's Old Bailey Central Criminal Court for 10 years Thursday for attempting to smuggle three tubes of shaving cream packed with TNT and three detonators hidden in ballpoint pens.

Neither side softens position

Peace talks on Western Sahara in critical stage

There was a noticeable tightening of security at the Freetown conference center as the 14 different parties went before the OAU "wise men's committee" on the Western Sahara to present their case.

The six-nation committee first saw representatives of Algeria, Mauritania, Morocco and the Polisario and later received representatives of 10 pro-Moroccan bodies from the Western Sahara.

Morocco took over the northern part of the Western Sahara after an agreement with Spain in 1976. It has ruled the southern part, given to Mauritania by the Spanish, since last year when Mauritania signed a peace treaty.

Ends Indian visit

Kuwaiti ruler in Bangladesh to improve mutual relations

DACCA, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — The ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Ahmad al-Sabah, was given a red carpet welcome when he arrived in Dacca Thursday for a three-day state visit to Bangladesh. The ruler, who arrived from New Delhi, is on a six-nation Asian tour, and will have two rounds of talks with President Ziaur Rahman on expanding bilateral relations and on international issues affecting the two nations.

A 21-gun salute was fired when the ruler alighted from his special plane to be greeted by President Ziaur Rahman. Diplomatic observers noted that the ruler's tour include the littoral state of the Indian Ocean which are vocal about making the area a zone of peace.

This demand accord with Kuwait's concern to ensure the security of the Gulf states, particularly after the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

A foreign office spokesman told reporters Thursday that Bangladesh and Kuwait had broad similarities in their foreign policies. As members of the Islamic conference and of the non-aligned group they had demanded the immediate pullout of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

The talks were expected to last more than three hours and the spokesman indicated that the two leaders would mostly discuss bilateral economic cooperation.

Kuwait has loaned Bangladesh \$59 million since 1975, repayable over 25 years with 1.5 per cent interest for linking the power grids of northern and eastern Bangladesh and for two power-driven irrigation projects.

Kuwait and Bangladesh will sign Saturday an agreement for setting up a joint ministerial commission designed to strengthen their bilateral cooperations. The two countries will also sign a protocol which will stipulate the pay and services of nearly 200 officers and men of the Bangladesh Air Force who are now working in the Kuwait Air Force and its civil aviation departments.

A third agreement permits the two countries to fly their national airlines to each other's capital. Kuwait has already told Bangladesh that its airline would start commercial service through Dacca from the first week of November.

Observers in Dacca believe that President Ziaur Rahman will ask the ruler of Kuwait for an accelerated financial assistance to help build a 125 megawatt nuclear power plant in Rooppur in northern Bangladesh.

France has already agreed to provide technology and equipment provided Dacca can

Liberals seeking just solution

Shaka, Steel hold talks on M.E. issue

By Anne Whitehouse
London Bureau

LONDON, Sept. 12 — West Bank mayor Bassam Shaka was warmly received by David Steel, leader of the British Liberal Party, in his first meeting with a leader of a British political party earlier this week. During the talks, described by Shaka as "positive", Steel expressed sympathy for the Palestinian people and confirmed that the British Liberal Party is making active efforts to bring about a just solution to the Arab-Israeli problem.

Before the meeting Shaka had brief conversations with Liberal MP Cyril Smith, Geraint Howells and David Penhaligon.

The 25 minute discussion took place on the first day of the Liberal Party assembly in Blackpool in the north of England. Liberal defense spokesman MP Stephen Ross, an active member of the Liberal Friends of Israel, was also present. Both he and Steel expressed their admiration for Shaka's bravery, following the loss of both his legs in an Israeli bomb attack in June.

Later this month Steel and Ross will take part in a 6-man Liberal delegation to the Middle East, when they will meet Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO, and visit Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and Israel.

During his forthcoming visit to the West Bank, Steel confirmed, he will move under the auspices of the British consul at Jerusalem, and will make efforts to meet Palestinian opposition groups. He said he would make a special effort to seek out member of the committee for National Guidance of the Palestine people, after Shaka advised him the Israeli government might try to prevent such meetings.

On its return from the two week visit to the Middle East, said Steel, the Liberal delegation will submit a report of its findings to the party for discussion and a resolution on the Middle East will be drawn up.

Steel took over the leadership of the Liberal Party from Jeremy Thorpe, a firm Israeli supporter. As yet he has remained uncommitted on the Middle East question, but observers within the Liberal Party believe that his willingness to take part in the Liberal delegation to the Middle East indicates his growing concern that Liberals worldwide should work for a just peace that takes full account of Palestinian rights.

At the Liberal International Congress last week in Berlin, the British delegation submitted a motion calling for negotiations between

Israel's and the PLO with the proviso that the PLO first accept Israel's right to exist. But after criticism from delegates from Israel, Canada, the Netherlands and Denmark, the proposal was withdrawn and a new text was drawn up calling only for the "inclusion in negotiations of all important bodies representing the Palestinian people".

Voting on the new text was then postponed until chairman of Liberal International and leader of the EEC Middle East mission, Gairton Horn and David Steel have reported the findings of their Middle East visits.

Shaka said in his speech, "I am particularly pleased to talk to you as members of the Liberal Party, because in my heart, I believe the Palestinian question concerns you as it concerns anyone with any human awareness and understanding."

Iraq, Zambia stress Palestinian rights

BAGHDAD, (R) — Iraq and Zambia have reiterated their commitment to the non-aligned movement and the strengthening of its role, the Iraqi news agency reported. A joint statement issued at the end of a short visit by President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia said that no just peace could be achieved in the Middle East unless Israeli forces withdrew from all occupied Arab territories and Palestinian rights, including that to the establishment of an independent state, were recognized.

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*Solidify Pinochet's rule***Chileans approve constitution**

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 12 (AP) — Chilean voters gave overwhelming approval Thursday to a new constitution granting right-wing President Augusto Pinochet and his military junta at least eight more years of absolute power.

The election was held on the seventh anniversary of the bloody coup in which Pinochet ousted the elected government of Marxist President Salvador Allende, who died during the fight for the presidential palace.

Eligible Chileans, who faced punishment of up to three months in jail if they did not



MONTY: NATO Deputy Commander Sir Jack Harman, left, and Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens unveil a statue of British World War II Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery in Brussels. The statue is the work of Yugoslav Oscar Nemon.

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cast ballots, could vote "yes" or "no" on the proposed constitution.

The government said final results showed 3.9 million votes, or 67.5 per cent, in favor of the new constitution and 1.7 million, or 29.6 per cent, opposed. The government said that 9.8 million people voted, some 66 per cent of the 6.75 million eligible, and that about 2.8 per cent of the ballots were declared invalid.

Even before the first results were announced, Pinochet proclaimed victory. "Chile has won. The country has faced Marxism from within and without. This is a triumph for the people of Chile," he told

reporters in a surprise visit to the vote-counting center in the Diego Portales government building.

An estimated 30,000 Chileans gathered outside the building, cheering and waving bits of burning paper as the count was reported, while caravans of horn-honking cars wheeled through downtown Santiago. Radio and television stations had urged the people to turn out to congratulate Pinochet and the armed forces junta.

Pinochet, addressing the crowd, said: "For the second time, we have defeated the Marxists totalitarians," referring to the coup on Sept. 11, 1973, as the first time. "We have shown the world what democracy is. This country doesn't need anyone to come show it. Today we gave the world a lesson."

Chileans had lined up at schools, military bases and public offices to cast their ballots. The voting was peaceful as soldiers with automatic rifles stood by at polling places.

There had been little doubt the referendum would pass, and Pinochet had not even said what he would do if it lost. His opponents hoped there would be enough "no" votes to show a substantial opposition movement. There were street demonstrations in Santiago and other cities this week and at least 100 people were arrested.

Pinochet's regime has been accused of massive human rights violations by the Roman Catholic Church and by human rights organizations.

Under the new constitution, Pinochet would continue his military regime until 1989, when the ruling junta would propose the name of the next president. Free presidential elections would take place in 1997. Former President Eduardo Frei, who has been active in renewing the political opposition, had called the referendum a farce, saying it was "science fiction" to vote on a constitution that would go into effect so far in the future.

Frei, a Christian Democrat, did vote, although he had said earlier he might develop a sudden illness. He was applauded at the school in southeastern Santiago where he cast his ballot, and told the crowd, "I feel disturbed and humiliated at having to vote in this plebiscite."

Black student, policeman killed in S. Africa riot

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, South Africa, Sept. 12 (AP) — A black policeman and a high school student died after a shoot-out in the Whittlesea district about 95 kilometers northeast of here. Col. Charles Sebe, the head of the Ciskei Intelligence Services said.

Students had gone on a rampage Thursday, attacking police vehicles, and the policeman had been shot to death by the mob, he said.

In the shoot-out that followed, a male student was shot dead. Many students were pulled in, Sebe said, without giving a specific number of arrests.

The reason for the unrest in the tribal homeland known as the Ciskei was not given, but much of the violence in the eastern Cape has been connected with a five-month-old student protest against inferior education.

The black Guguletu township outside Cape Town was reported tense but quiet following the shooting death Wednesday of a 16-year-old black pupil. Police reportedly opened fire on stone-throwing youths in a spate of violence. Four other persons were wounded.

Schools in Guguletu, as well as in the nearby townships of Langa and Nyangalini were nearly empty, with only the principals and a few teachers present, the South African Press Association said.

One principal was quoted as saying that many teachers who had attended school regularly during the school boycott had begun to stay away following the growing hostility towards the teachers in the townships. The houses of a few headmasters have been attacked with gasoline bombs and seriously damaged.

The Parents Action Committee of Langa, Guguletu and Nyangalini criticized the pre-dawn detention of two of its members and another person in the community. "As responsible members of the community, we want to sound this word of warning again, that this attitude of detaining people indiscriminately must stop immediately... Actions like these are sowing the seeds of dissatisfaction and frustrations that could grow into the type of violence which even the authentic leaders of the community would not be able to control," the statement said.

Caribbean fish dying

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, Sept. 12 (AP) — Millions of dead fish floated slowly north and west toward Jamaica, Haiti and Florida and Dominican officials said the fish may have been killed by chemicals dumped into the ocean.

Narciso Capella, director of fishery resources, said initial tests on the fish and the water showed they died from chemical poisoning. Determination of the kind of poison and its source will have to await further testing, he said.

Two people died and as many as 50 others in the Dominican Republic have been hospitalized with symptoms of poisoning after eating the dead fish, authorities said.

Capella said a general prohibition against eating seafood of any kind remained in force in the Dominican Republic, and Dominican officials have contacted neighboring nations to recommend that the same restriction be enforced.

The Dominican Navy is enforcing a strict prohibition against fishing by the Dominican fishing fleet until the prohibition against eating fish is lifted, Capella said.

Marine biologists from the University of Puerto Rico who were in the Dominican Republic on a scientific exchange program have taken samples of the dead fish, water and algae to Puerto Rico for detailed analysis, he said.



CAMPAGN: West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt stands on a crate to get above the crowd at the opening of his campaign for re-election. Residents of Dortmund turned out by the scores to listen to the Social Democratic candidate.

Washington opposed**India firm on U.S. uranium**

NEW DELHI, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — India has called on the United States to honor its contractual obligations and ship immediately a consignment of enriched uranium for the Tarapur nuclear plant near Bombay.

The foreign affairs committees of both the House of Representatives and the Senate voted this week against the sale of 39.6 tons of uranium to India despite a last-minute appeal from Secretary of State Edmund Muskie. A spokesman in Delhi said India had fulfilled all its obligations under a 1963 agreement with the United States for the supply of enriched uranium and expected the U.S. government to do the same. "This would require immediate shipment of the already delayed consignment of fuel," he said.

The U.S. State Department said it still hopes Congress will approve the sale despite opposition by the foreign affairs committees.

Senator John Glenn says he feels certain the full Senate will support his resolution blocking shipment of the nuclear fuel. To do otherwise would be to "signal to the world that the United States is in retreat on the vital international security issue of nuclear non-proliferation," Glenn said.

Glenn suggested that the administration's efforts to work with Indian leaders so far have not been very productive. "I think it is important to note that after the president promised the fuel to India, Mrs. Gandhi said she was leaving the door open for future nuclear tests, signed a \$1.6 billion arms deal with the Soviet Union, abstained on the United Nations vote condemning the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and recognized the Kampuchean (Cambodian) government, making India the only non-Communist country to do so."

The administration contends that if the United States fails to ship the fuel, Indian

leaders would consider themselves freed from their obligations under the 1963 treaty. This would result in lessening this country's control over use of nuclear materials furnished to India, State Department officials say.

Suarez to ask confidence vote

MADRID, Sept. 12 (AP) — Premier Adolfo Suarez will ask for a confidence vote in the lower house of the parliament Sept. 16 when he is to present his new government's program, a government spokesman has said.

He said the decision was taken in a cabinet meeting, the first held three days after Suarez reshuffled his government and changed half of the 19-member cabinet. Suarez's new government is the fifth since he took office as premier in July 1979.

Suarez won Spain's first free elections since the end of the Franco dictatorship in 1977 and repeated his victory in 1979, although his union of the Democratic Center Party fell short of a majority in both times.

The socialists finished as runners-up. The premier's party holds 165 seats in the 350-seat lower house, 11 short of a majority. But political sources close to the premier said he expected to win the Sept. 16 confidence vote by picking up enough support from Catalan and Conservative deputies to exceed the 184 votes he got in his confirmation by parliament after the second election.

The moderate Basque Nationalist Party with eight deputies in the lower house announced Thursday it would support Suarez.

TV debate boycotted by Carter

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (R) — Ronald Reagan may skip the second and third debates planned for the U.S. presidential election campaign if President Jimmy Carter persists in boycotting the first one, the Republican Party leader said.

Reagan, the Republican candidate, is committed to the first televised debate in Baltimore on Sept. 21 with independent John Anderson. But party chairman Bill Brock said there would be little point in continuing beyond that if Carter persisted with his boycott of a three-way debate. He said he still hoped Carter would change his mind and agree to appear in Baltimore. "If he does not, we will have to forego the debates and go on with the campaign," he told reporters.

Carter has said he will not attend the first debate because its organizers have agreed to include Anderson, who launched his independent campaign after competing unsuccessfully for the Republican nomination.

Carter advisers see Anderson as a greater threat to the president than to Reagan because he has appeal among liberal Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents. The president says he wants the first debate to be between candidates of the two main parties but is willing to hold a three-way debate with Anderson after that.

The Republican chairman said that although Reagan might get an initial advantage from appearing with Anderson on his own, "it's not going to be productive for long."

Anderson, he said, was a "very competent debater," and after both men had criticized Carter they would obviously turn to discussing their own differences. Brock said he thought Carter was opposed to holding any form of debate. "The president doesn't want to talk about his own record," he said.

Intestines explosive

CONIE, Italy, Sept. 12 (AFP) — An inmate of the maximum security prison here has had two years and ten months added to his prison term for hiding plastic explosive in his intestines. Mario Ubaldo Rossi, 26, was suffering from violent abdominal pains last July 5 and was transferred to the prison hospital where doctors found an "alien body," a capsule containing 52 grams of plastic explosive, in his intestines. He is serving a 20-year term for armed robbery.

The prosecutor charged him with transporting and holding an explosive, which could have led to a term of eight years, but the court only sentenced him for transport of an explosive.

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*A question of 'Hope'***S. African 'madam' goes to bat for maid**

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 12 (WP) — Among other things, Grace Ntshimane has done the following for Pat Van Rensburg over the past five years: washed the clothes, ironed them, vacuumed, dusted, made the beds, answered the phone, polished the floors, washed the toilets, made meals, washed the dishes, looked after Pat's children "as if they were her own," listened to Pat's problems and shared her jokes.

By South African standards, it is normal for a black live-in domestic servant working for a middle-class white family. What is not so common, however, is that a few weeks ago Pat was preparing to go to jail because of Grace. Or rather, because of Grace's child, Tsepco — a name that means "Hope."

As maid and "madam," Grace and Pat were caught up in the administration of the unique and strange society of South Africa. Their story does not portray dramatic stakes of life and death but rather the everyday moral choices thinking whites are confronted with and the daily "occupational hazards" blacks face as a result of the Kafkaesque and comprehensive skein of laws the white minority government has drawn up to maintain its control over where blacks live and work.

It began one day in February as Ntshimane was ironing in the kitchen of the Van Rensburg's brick ranch-style house in Randburg, a town north of Johannesburg. Two-month-old Tsepco, her second living child

(two died from sickness), lay on a towel in the hallway. Two government inspectors — one white, one black — materialized outside in the yard, where the black gardener was working, to make a routine check on the papers of the Van Rensburgs' employees.

When they heard Tsepco cry they asked if there was a baby on the premise. The gardener lied: "It's the madam's baby."

Undaunted, the black inspector poked his head in the kitchen and saw Tsepco — unmistakably not a "madam's baby."

Like all black children born of Tswana parents since 1976, Tsepco is not South African citizen according to the government. Rather, he is a citizen of Bophuthatswana, the enclave set aside for blacks of the Tswana tribal group, which the government in 1976 declared an "independent" state. No country except South Africa has recognized Bophuthatswana as an independent country, because it is regarded as part of the apartheid system that aims to carve up South Africa into 10 "independent" black states and one white state as a way for the white minority to maintain its control over the black majority.

Ntshimane was born 37 years ago in what is now Bophuthatswana, so she also is one of its "citizens." Like thousands of other Tswanas, however, she seeks work in the big cities because there are few jobs in the rural, underdeveloped homeland.

She is allowed to work in Randburg as a

migrant laborer on one-year renewable contracts. She has government permission to live on the Van Rensburg's property — alone. When Tsepco is supposed to live in Bophuthatswana, presumably with relatives, 60 miles away, even though he is still being breastfed. The stark choice for Ntshimane: stay with her job or her son.

Her husband, Amos, is also a citizen of Bophuthatswana and has permission to work as a driver in Randburg as a migrant laborer. But his terms of employment say he must live not with his wife, but in an all-male hostel in the black-worker dormitory township of Alexandra.

"By law, the family has got to live in three different places," said Van Rensburg, 42, as she sat in her living room. "In the town of Randburg, with about 65,000 whites and an estimated 35,000 blacks, we are supposedly not to have one black child."

The inspectors left a court summons for Van Rensburg, who at the time of their visit was in Cape Town visiting her husband, an agreement she made when she "registered" Ntshimane at the local labor bureau — another requirement for all black workers and white employers. The document stated that "as a specific condition of Ntshimane's employment

Prince at odds over horse drugs

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AP) — Britain's Prince Philip was at odds last week with the International Equestrian Federation, over which he presides, for its plan to ban widely used pain-killing drugs on horses in equestrian spots.

A ban would mean horses could be treated with little more than soap and water, he told the British Equine Veterinary Association.

The prince defended the practice of artificially reviving exhausted horses during competition, and criticized "purists" who say horses should not compete under the influence of any drug.

There is "little if any evidence" to show that properly prescribed doses have any significant effect on the performance of a horse, said the prince husband of Queen Elizabeth II.

\$1m drive on to save elephants

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP) — The World Wildlife Fund, an international conservation organization, announced it hopes to raise \$1 million for protection of African elephants endangered by ivory-hunting poachers.

"The current epidemic of 'ivory fever' is the deadliest since the turn of the century," said Russell Train, president of the World Wildlife Fund-U.S. and past head of the Environmental Protection Agency. "Somewhere between 50,000 and 150,000 elephants are being killed now each year for the ivory trade."

The United States is a member of the convention on international trade in endangered species, which permits trade in elephant products only if accompanied by an export permit. But the announcement said trade was increasing anyway "with false documentation easy to get."

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she will not be allowed to introduce any of her children — dependents into the area of Randburg. By allowing Ntshimane to keep Tsepco with her, Van Rensburg had broken this legal agreement.

She could have paid \$37.50 as an admission-of-guilt fine, but "by paying the fine I would be acquiescing that the government could separate mothers and babies," Instead, she decided to contest the charge in court to "highlight" this "wicked" law.

As a member of Randburg's town council and the county council, Van Rensburg is not lacking in political savvy. But she also had never before been in court as a defendant, not even for a traffic offense.

Conducting her own defense, she cross-examined the white inspector. When asked whether to be verified if the babies be ordered back to the "homelands" bad homes to go to and food to eat, he replied that this was not his job.

Van Rensburg asked if it was one of his duties to go from house to house looking for illegal black babies. He answered that it was.

Not unaware of the press in the courtroom, the presiding magistrate said he wanted to make sure there was no misunderstanding and repeated the question to the inspector. Again his answer was straightforward: "Yes."

"It sounds as if we are in the days of Herod, marching from door to door looking for 'illegal' babies," Van Rensburg said afterward.

Summing up, she called the incident "an example of the vicious and inhuman system of apartheid at its very worst" and declared that "if I am found guilty and sentenced, I will not pay a fine but elect to serve a prison sentence."

In the end, the magistrate decided that discretion was better than vigorous application of the law. After finding Van Rensburg guilty he sent her home with a warning, avoiding the embarrassing situation of imprisoning the wife of a member of parliament.

Ntshimane, who has worked as a maid for 19 years, seems a bit flustered by all the fuss. Holding Tsepco, she said in halting English: "I was very upset. I felt sorry for 'madam' if she said she go to jail, I was feeling sorry for the trouble she had."

Van Rensburg says the reaction she has gotten has been "overwhelmingly favorable — even from Afrikaners," the whites of Dutch descent who dominate the government.

But in similar situations most whites pay the fines, offering no more protest than if they were tickets for speeding. Van Rensburg is part of the minority of whites who choose to go a bit further, and so it is fitting that a child whose "hope" lives with the Van Rensburgs — at least until the inspector returns.

Behind closed doors Russians ... tell jokes

Radio: "Yes, if it's not devoured by people in the heroic city of Kaluga."

Mimicking official rhetoric provides an inexhaustible resource for jokes. The classic is: "What is the difference between capitalism and Communism?" Answer: "Capitalism is the exploitation of man by man, and Communism is the opposite."

The perpetual official glorification of Soviet cities inspired this one: "Is it possible to make Paris into an exemplary socialist city?" "Of course. But it would be a terrible shame."

President Leonid Brezhnev, with his stiff bearing, mechanical delivery and habit of using notes for all official pronouncements, is a perennial favorite. A new one has him officially opening the Olympic games from notes on his program, looking over the five-ring Olympic symbol and proclaiming: "O. O. O. O."

And on they go, spreading through private parties, meetings and offices, picking up local variants and new twists:

— Czechoslovakia has suddenly announced it is setting up a naval ministry. The Soviets demand to know why, since Czechoslovakia has no seacoast. "Well, you have a ministry of culture," the Czechs reply.

— "Have you heard, a plane carrying the entire Soviet politburo has crashed in Poland." "Was anyone saved?" "Poland."

— Three inmates are talking in a concentration camp at the height of the Stalin purges. The first says, "I was arrested for opposing Bukharin." The second says, "I was arrested for hacking Bukharin." The third says, "I am Bukharin."

English language has French culture on the run

PARIS, Sept. 12 (AFP) — French culture has taken a battering from the English-speaking world, according to a worldwide survey reported in the current issue of the economic weekly *Expansion*.

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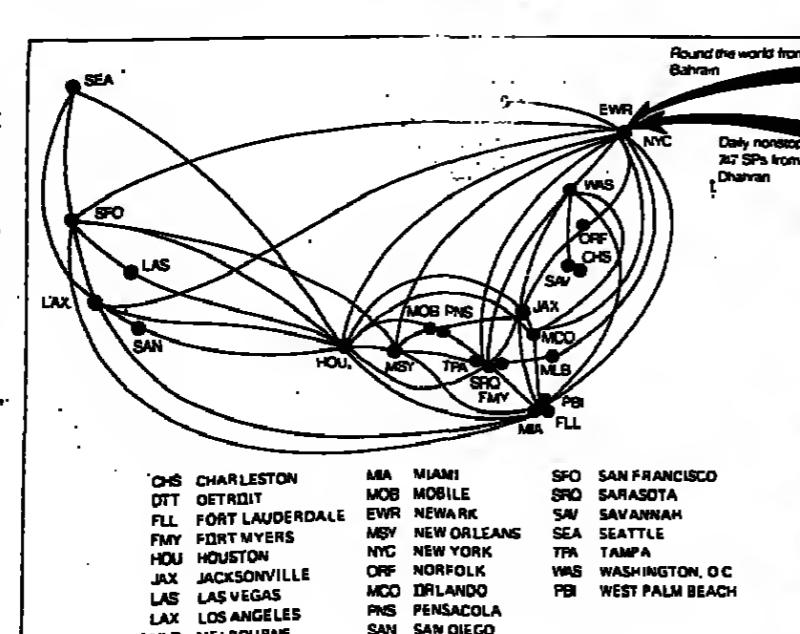
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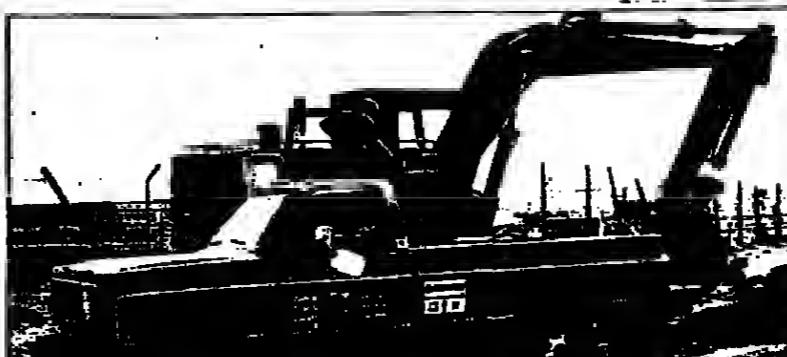
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ISRAELI 'MODERATION'

Zionist propagandists in the West are trying to exploit a report in the *New York Times* on the alleged Israeli undertaking to stop its settlement building in the West Bank in order to facilitate resumption of negotiations with Egypt. They are trying to present the report as a sign of a real policy-revision on the part of the obstreperous Begin, heralding a new age of "moderation."

Such a reading of the news is ridiculous. Begin, according to the same report, has already told the Americans last June that Israel intends to build two new settlements in the West Bank. Six of these have already been completed, leaving four. And this is precisely the figure Begin mentioned as the last hatch to be built for the time being. The leopard, therefore, has not changed his spots. His plans are on target; and all he said is that he intends to keep them that way.

This is not the first time that Israel and its friends in the West have invented such "concessions." Begin has declared previously that he would free Palestinian prisoners as a gesture of good will toward Sadat, only to release a few prisoners who, on closer inspection, are shown to have already finished their term of imprisonment; or to have been held in detention without charge in any case.

It is no longer a secret that the Israeli policy of expansionism is subject to rigorous long term planning, and that it is dived into carefully defined phases. The phase of settling the West Bank was accelerated under the cover of the Camp David "peace process," and has now reached completion; as has the plan for the annexation of Jerusalem. It is no wonder then that Begin declares to the Americans that he is ready to resume talks. But the talks, everyone knows, will falter again, and the strategically predetermined time, when another phase of expansionism is ready to start. And this time the direction is the Golan Heights and the Gaza Strip.

The signs are that Egypt will coöde once more and resume the talks. Sadat still has hopes of his "initiative" and, more importantly, he wants to help Carter out of the difficult two months between now and the presidential election in November. Sadat and his partners in Camp David are also counting on "dramatic changes" in the area in the near future; changes which they hope will make their task easier. This is the reason why Sadat seems so pliant. He has told former Israeli Prime Minister Rabin that he will not call for the "repatriation" of Jerusalem, and that he sees no point to King Hussein of Jordan joining the "peace process." The important thing for him now is to keep the appearance of life for the moribund "process."

As for the American administration, all it cares about at the moment is to pass the time to the elections with the least possible interference from the Middle East and its chronic crisis. To this end, all the substantive issues are to be shelved or, more precisely, left to the tender mercies of the Israelis.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Among the weekend newspapers, *Al Bilad*, *Okaz* and *Al Riyad* reported in a lead story that Crown Prince Fahd would open the 10th session of the Higher Council of Medina's Islamic University Sunday. *Al Medina* said in its lead story that three views existed inside the Fatah movement on handling the Palestine issue. *Al Jadid* led with the Kuwaiti-Indian joint communiqué which was issued in New Delhi at the end of a two-day visit to India by the Emir of Kuwait. The communiqué emphasized that Israel's expansionist policy has increased tension in the Middle East, posing a threat to world peace. It appealed to the superpowers to stop interfering in the Gulf and to make the Indian Ocean a region of peace.

Okaz played as its lead story the Israeli opposition's demand to include Palestinians in peace talks. *Al Yam* headlined the Arab world's success in including the PLO in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as an observer.

In a front-page story, *Al Jadid* said that the Lebanese army is determined to impose its authority over the zones of its clashes with the Palangists in Al-Hadath town close to Beirut. *Al Medina* said in a page-one story that a joint presidential council would take over the command of the Syro-Libanian union, adding that the Presidents of Syria and Libya have agreed to form a unified government within a period of one month. *Al Riyad* gave front-page prominence to the rising prices of chicken and fish

Inflation fears send gold rising

By Allan Barker

LONDON —

Fears of continuing world inflation have given new impetus to the price of gold and other precious metals, always favorites for those seeking an investment that will hold its value in troubled times. Perhaps more important to the traditional small investor, shares of gold mining companies are also booming.

The price of gold moved as high as \$ 689.50 an ounce in London this week, its highest for seven months, after a strong two-week rise in heavy trading from the \$ 630 level that had prevailed in a summer lull since July.

The price has since fallen slightly but the big question is: Will gold soar above \$ 700 and move to \$ 750? If it sustains the upward momentum, last January's record price of \$ 875 an ounce could well be tested. There have been forecasts by some analysts of gold at \$ 1,000 an ounce before too long.

The consensus of gold-market analysts is that the next psychological barrier of \$ 700 an ounce will be breached if next week's ministerial meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) decides to raise prices, or reduce production, which would mean an early end to the present oil glut.

"Inflation is still not really under control in the United States, Britain, Italy or France for instance, and some of the traditionally strong economies like West Germany also have problems," said a spokesman for London Metal Brokers Rudolf Wolff.

"Promises of tax cuts by President Carter if he is re-elected add to the Republican candidate Ronald Reagan, at a time when inflation is still 13 per cent in the U.S. are worrying people who fear another bout of inflation as the country emerges from recession. In such circumstances, is it any wonder that investors seek a return of value?" he said.

Much of the buying pressure on gold that has pushed the price up by some \$ 50 this month, has come from the Middle East, the United States and Hong Kong, and professional operators have been very active. Middle East involvement has not been as strong as in January, when gold went through the roof during world tension over Iran and the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, before dropping back to about \$ 490 an ounce in May.

Some New York analysts believe gold is overvalued at a time when deflationary policies are being pursued by many of the major countries. They say the primary forces propelling the gold price upward are political rather than economic. But this seems to be a minority view. "While the price direction is upward and the inflation outlook so clouded, only a brave man would forecast a decline," one expert said.

David Fitzpatrick, vice-president responsible for precious metals at Merrill Lynch in London, said: "I am very bullish on gold. I have little doubt the uptrend in the gold price will continue over the next

few weeks, though some resistance may set in around \$ 700."

Silver, platinum, palladium and copper have also been in demand this week, and higher prices have resulted in line with the strength of gold. Silver has broken through the psychological barrier of \$ 20 an ounce, but the price is still less than half what it was before the price collapsed last March when the brothers Nelson Bunker Hunt and Herbert Hunt were forced to liquidate large holdings in the U.S.

Gold mines indexes have hit records this week in London and Johannesburg, and demand for mining shares was instrumental in pushing the Toronto composite share index to a new peak.

South African investors have been particularly active, and the Johannesburg gold shares index has doubled since March. But analysts in Johannesburg and New York feel gold shares could be vulnerable to a setback because they have outperformed bullion prices over the last few weeks, probably anticipating a rise in the price to \$ 700.

Andre Sharoo and Kathleen Bonner of Drexel Burnham Lambert in New York attributed the buying of gold shares mainly to South African investors with cash to spare due to the republic's economic boom. But there has also been strong demand in Europe and North America. They said gold shares with high yields looked attractive compared to industrial stocks and bonds. Some London experts said there was no obvious reason for the run into gold shares, and present prices could be unstable because of lack of fundamental support.

Johannesburg analysts said earnings of gold mining companies due to be announced in the last quarter of the year should show dividend increases of 60 to 125 per cent over the first half of 1980. Most heavy weight mining shares currently yield 5 to 7 per cent, but could yield up to 8 per cent later this year. However, they said further sharp rises in gold shares were unlikely unless the bullion price moved strongly past \$ 700.

One result of higher bullion prices is increased gold exploration, encouraged by the prospect of greater returns. Some mines which were previously considered uneconomical are being given a second look.

Much of the activity is taking place in South Africa, the world's largest producer, but there are also new ventures under way in the United States, Canada and Australia. However, many of the new finds will not be producing for years, and are unlikely to affect the 30 per cent fall in gold supplies to the Western World forecast for this year.

Official sales of gold by governments and monetary institutions are expected to drop this year as a result of a halt in U.S. sales and the ending last November of the International Monetary Fund's 4-year program of auctions. Consolidated Gold Fields Limited recently estimated that this would be one of the main factors in reducing the supply of gold to the non-Communist world to about 1.100 tons from 1,765 tons in 1979. (R)

"AND NOW, BACK TO THE OTHER CHARTS..."



Politics of Soviet trade

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Elliott Hurwitz is an economist and defense analyst with a consulting firm whose clients include the U.S. military.)

By Elliott Hurwitz

The recent attention given to the large-scale Soviet military buildup has made it easy to overlook the expanding program of Soviet economic trade with the West and the potential that trade holds to advance Soviet political goals. While U.S. trade with the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries has fallen over the last few years, that of the Non-Atlantic Treaty Organization allies and Japan has risen significantly.

Undoubtedly, the main motivation for the increased Soviet interest in trade with the West is economic. The Soviet economy is currently in very poor condition, and efforts to raise productivity have not been successful.

The recent reported labor strife in Gorky, the continuing decline in the rate of growth of production, and the endemic problems of Soviet agriculture are evidence of economic difficulties.

In the early 1970s, the Russians recognized the weaknesses in their economy and began to purchase Western equipment and goods in large quantities.

The government declared that all strikers had given up their jobs, and proceeded to recruit replacements. Private sector employees were compelled to follow, although most took the same employee's back as "new hands." Appeals by non-striking unions for a more conciliatory attitude were ignored, with the government taking the position that no strike existed.

At this stage, the left-wing unions called for a day of protest against the rising cost of living, the JSS unleashed a wave of attacks on pickets. Groups traveling in government vehicles clashed with pickets while the police looked on — or were inexplicably missing from the scene. One worker, a Communist trade union leader, was killed and several were injured. The funeral of the dead worker saw the largest anti-government gathering since the election.

Left-wing union militancy has gathered momentum in the absence of wage increases or price reductions. The rising cost of essential goods has reduced real wages to less than 50 per cent their value of two years ago.

A strike by railway yardmen in early July quickly spread to other sections, with demands for an immediate wage increase of \$20 a month and other concessions. Growing militancy left the Joint Action Committee of Trade Unions little alternative but to call a general strike from July 21.

The general strike, although bringing out more than 200,000 workers, was not a success. Essential services continued, and the government set out to break the strike, using all emergency powers. Strikers were threatened with instant dismissal, union leaders were harassed by regular police questioning, and penalties of property confiscation and imprisonment were introduced for incitement to strike.

Union funds were frozen and their offices sealed. Meetings and picketing were banned. Even carrying strike leaflets was made a punishable offense.

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Control of the unions, and thus of wages, is vital because three years of classic economic measures under World Bank sponsorship have not produced the foreign help sought by the government. It will need a tame trade union movement to push through harsh economies in the coming months. (OFNS)

If potential Soviet political motivations are

ignored, it is easy to demonstrate how the increased level of trade can create economic benefits for all parties involved. For the West, additional jobs are created and energy sources are diversified. By Soviet estimates, 300,000 West German jobs now depend on Soviet purchases from West Germany. Clearly, the Soviet economy also benefits through the greater quality and appeal of the finished goods that are imported and through the enhanced productivity of the machinery and equipment.

The effects of these economic benefits on Soviet foreign policy are very difficult to gauge. It is possible, for instance, that the Soviet Union might become more relaxed and self-confident in its international relations as its standard of living increases. It is equally plausible, however, that the Soviet Union might use a greater economic and technological base to create a larger and more sophisticated military and more readily engage in expensive overseas ventures.

Although it may be the case that an increased level of trade brings economic benefits to all participants, Western observers cannot but view with alarm the increased political leverage within the West that the Soviet Union is gaining through its trade activities.

West German exports to the Eastern bloc were \$8.7 billion last year, fully 76 per cent of the level of West German exports to the United States. French exports to the Eastern bloc were \$2.9 billion and Italy's were \$1.4 billion. Workers in Western factories depend on Eastern bloc exports, bankers and industrialists involved in trade, and others whose livelihoods depend on Soviet energy supplies, constitute an increasingly powerful interest group. These individuals may not be inclined to support strong measures within NATO to increase defense expenditures or to align more closely with U.S. political or military positions.

The clearest path for the Soviet Union to take is trying to improve its stagnant economy is to continue to expand its level of trade with the Western industrial nations.

Although the primary motive for seeking trade with the West may be a desire to benefit its economy, the Soviet Union can also achieve some of its most important political goals, such as the neutralization of one or more NATO members through these means. America should not allow its current focus on the sizable increase in the Soviet military arsenal to obscure the other, less-direct means by which the Soviet Union can also attain its foreign policy objectives. (NYT)



The race to the White House: Zionism's the key.

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50,000,000	CAPITAL: Authorised & Paid Up Capital (50,000 shares of Rs. 1,000 each)	50,000,000	50,000,000	CASH FUNDS: 1) Cash in hand 2) Statutory deposit with SAMA 3) Other deposits with SAMA	257,122,137 413,978,791 1,007,579,635
50,000,000	RESERVES 1) Statutory Reserves 2) Other Reserves	50,000,000 1,225,000,000	1,275,000,000	DEPOSITS WITH BANKS: 1) In Saudi Arabia 2) Abroad	203,910,039 4,540,542,040
824,000,000					4,744,452,079
874,000,000	PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT			INVESTMENTS (NOT EXCEEDING LOWER OF COST OR MARKET VALUE)	
585,831	1) Balance Brought Forward From last year.	263,724		1) Shares & Securities Of Establishments: a) In Saudi Arabia b) Abroad	161,218,019 65,586,838
12,177,893	2) Net Profit For The Year (After Deducting Funds Transferred to Other Reserves)	32,016,570	32,280,294	2) Other Investments a) In Saudi Arabia b) Abroad	1,025,250 386,466,293
12,763,724	DEPOSITS:				614,296,400
7,676,453,772	1) Customers Deposits 2) Deposits From Banks a) In Saudi Arabia b) Abroad 3) Sundry Deposits	9,858,394,489		LOANS ADVANCES ETC: (LESS PROVISIONS)	
40,214,805		74,932,423		1) To: a) Private Sector b) Banks c) Others	3,267,989,759 183,850,000 397,140,000
63,167,623		117,471,763		2) Bills Purchased & Discounted	1,568,964,632
697,552,690		960,334,195	11,011,132,870		5,417,944,391
8,477,388,890	BORROWINGS:			FIXED ASSETS (LESS DEPRECIATION):	
	1) From Banks a) In Saudi Arabia b) Head Office and Branches Abroad c) Other Banks Abroad	—		1) Bank Premises & Other Real Estate 2) Furniture Fixtures & Equipment	136,829,578 12,221,671
15,050,609	2) From Others	—			149,051,249
15,050,609		—			
692,644,287	OTHER LIABILITIES:			OTHER ASSETS:	
345,534,192	1) Acceptances, Outstanding	877,418,213		1) Customer's Liability For Outstanding Acceptances	877,418,213
1,038,178,479	2) Other Liabilities	823,348,487		2) Other Assets	587,336,969
10,467,381,702	SUB TOTAL		1,700,766,700	SUB TOTAL	1,464,755,182
6,615,942,932	CONTRA ACCOUNTS:		14,069,179,864	CONTRA ACCOUNTS:	14,069,179,864
	Guarantees, Letters of Credit & Other Obligations		7,422,906,300	Customer's Liabilities Under Guarantees, Letters of Credit & Other Obligations.	7,422,906,300
17,083,324,634	GRAND TOTAL		21,492,086,164	GRAND TOTAL	21,492,086,164

By Jacqueline Elmaleh

PARIS — With the congestion and rising prices of London, the world's international stopover, many Middle Eastern travelers this year have been asking out new European vacation spots. High on the list is Paris — the pride of the French, a city renowned for elegance and opulence.

Paris, There's magic in the very name! It conjures up an image in the mind of every man and woman — the atmosphere so different, the streets so wide, the buildings so massive, the landmarks so familiar from books, pictures, postcards and films. Paris is not just the capital of France, it is the heart of the nation. A first visit for many therefore, becomes a desire to get a kaleidoscope view of this city of many aspects — its boulevards and gardens, squares and monuments.

So where does one begin? The Eiffel Tower, naturally. The tower is the city's best known monument and one of the most frequented in France. When it was erected for the Great Exhibition of 1889 it was the tallest construction the globe had ever known. Upon the completion of the vast framework of metal, made of 12,000 pieces fastened together with two and one half million rivets,

the engineer Gustave Eiffel exclaimed in his enthusiasm, "France will be the only country in the world with a 300 meter flagpole!"

Artists and writers however, were appalled with the monstrous 7,000 ton steel construction and it wasn't until the beginning of this century that the tower's very boldness and incredible novelty brought it acclaim. Since then its form, appearing as millions of souvenirs, has become familiar everywhere.

At the base the tower covers an area of 30,000 square feet but it gradually diminishes till at the top its surface measurement is only 300 square feet. The visitor, standing between the tower's feet and looking upwards through the latticework of pig iron, gets an incredible feeling of the stupendous. The bold will climb the 1,652 steps to the viewing platform on the second stage; others will take the elevators which have had to have special brake attachments fitted because of the varia-

tion in the angle of ascent. The third and final platform resting at a height of 274 meters is reached by a single elevator at the center of the tower.

At the top Eiffel's apartment can be seen as well as a spectacular view of Paris. The city and its suburbs appear like a giant map, with the River Seine meandering gently across its surface. The tower is a great place for taking bearings and making mental notes of the sites the visitor wants to take in while in Paris.

The Eiffel Tower straddles the Champ-de-Mars, a former parade ground, where in 1870 the first horse races in France were held. It is now a vast formal garden closed at one end by Chailot Hill with its fine white palace and fountains, just across the Seine. At the other end lies the Ecole Militaire and in the background the golden dome of the Invalides, site of Napoleon's tomb. Beyond is the Latin Quarter the intellectual center where the "Sorbonne" or University of Paris is located. One of the oldest in the world, it was founded in 1150. Situated on the south bank of the Seine, this area is better known as the "Left Bank" and has become throughout the world a symbol of cultural achievement, profound learning and scientific discovery and yet at the same time of carefree exuberant youth.

The main thoroughfare from the Latin Quarter leading to the river bank is the Boulevard Saint Michel popularly called "The Bou' Mich." With its swarms of cafes and informal student organizations, the boulevard, is always thronging with students from the numerous institutes, schools and colleges.

Of the 33 bridges spanning the Seine (three for pedestrians only) the oldest and most famous is the 16th/17th century Pont Neuf which connects the Isle de Cite with both banks of the river.

The Isle de Cite is the cradle of the capital. On this island the original inhabitants the Gallic tribe of Parisii first settled in the third century B.C. giving the later city its name. The best known monument on the island is the Cathedral of Notre Dame, with its magnificent facade and great towers. A masterpiece of medieval Gothic architecture it was built 1163-1351 and restored 1845-1864.

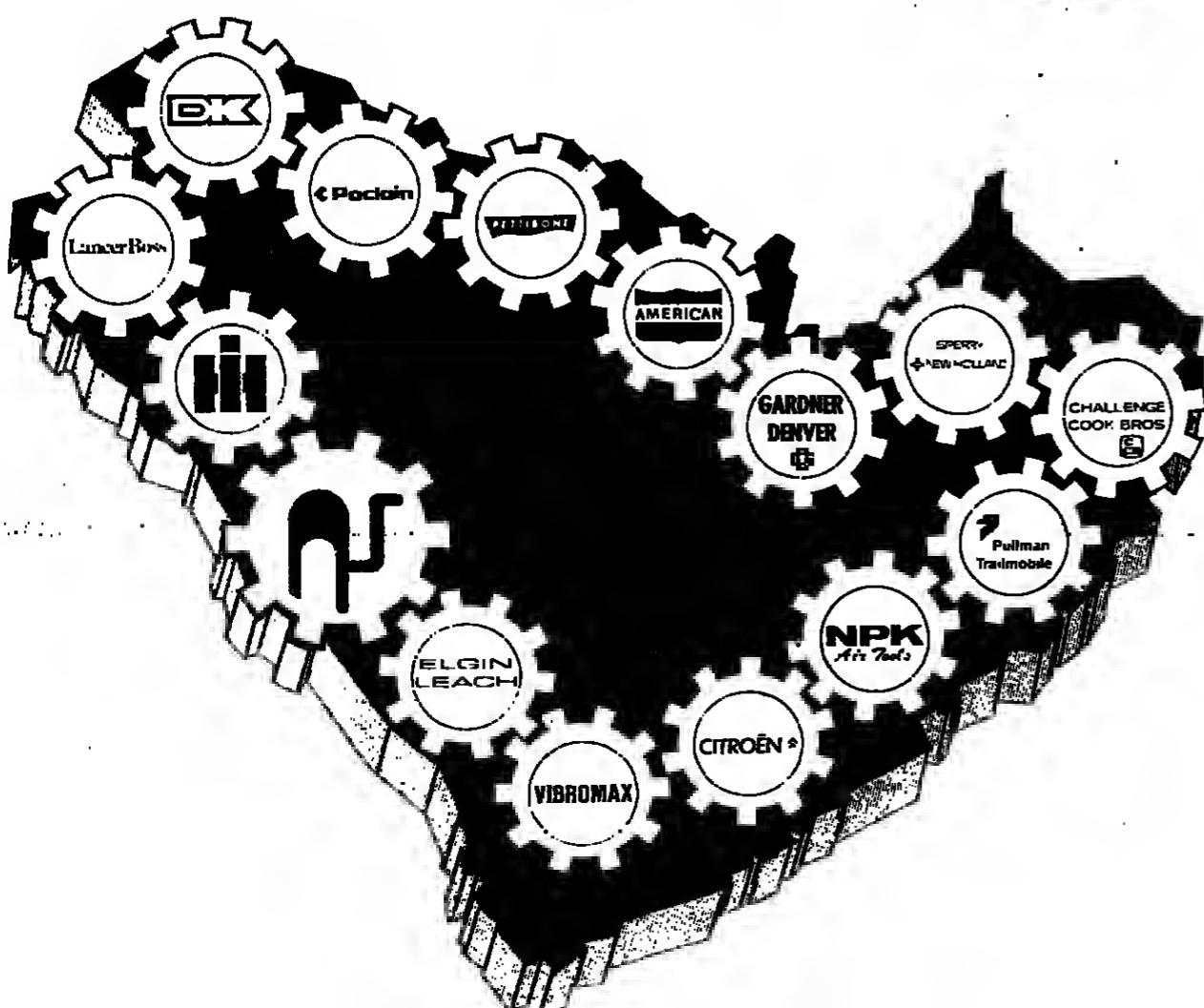
North across the river is the "Right Bank." It is more animated, more commercial and more densely populated than the "Left Bank." The nerve centers lies at the Place de l'Opera where the grand boulevards of the city converge. On the main streets which pivot from this square are the luxury shops that sell the goods for which Paris is famous — the jewellery cosmetics, perfume and "haute couture" forming a significant part of French exports.

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ings, outstanding museums, art collections, theaters and majestic gardens make the Right Bank naturally the host of the largest array of tourist accommodations. Not far from the Pont Neuf on the Right Bank is the most magnificent building in Paris, the Palais de Louvre.

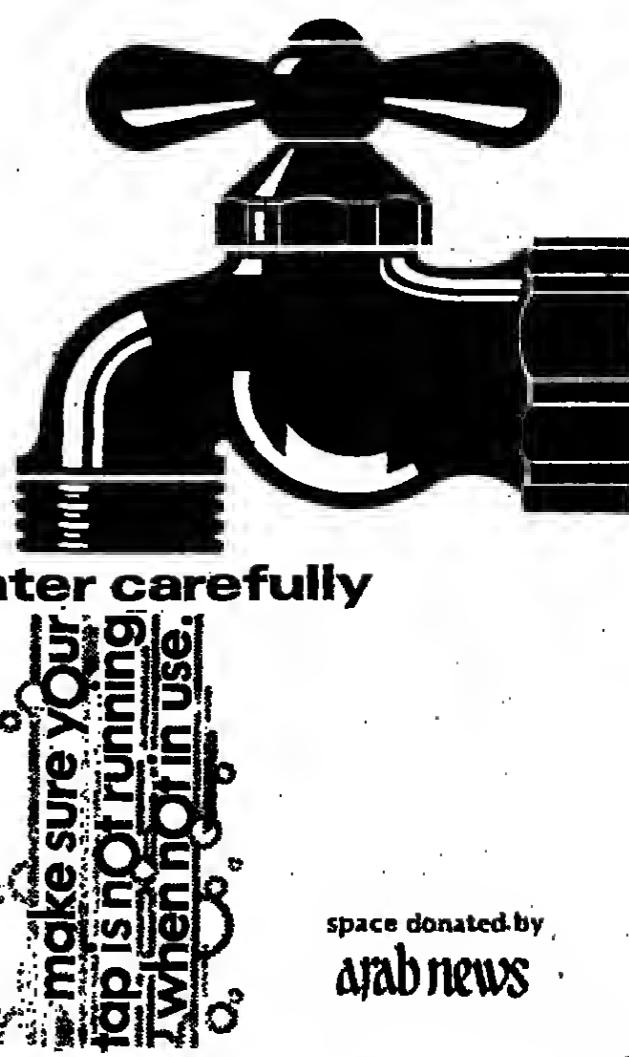
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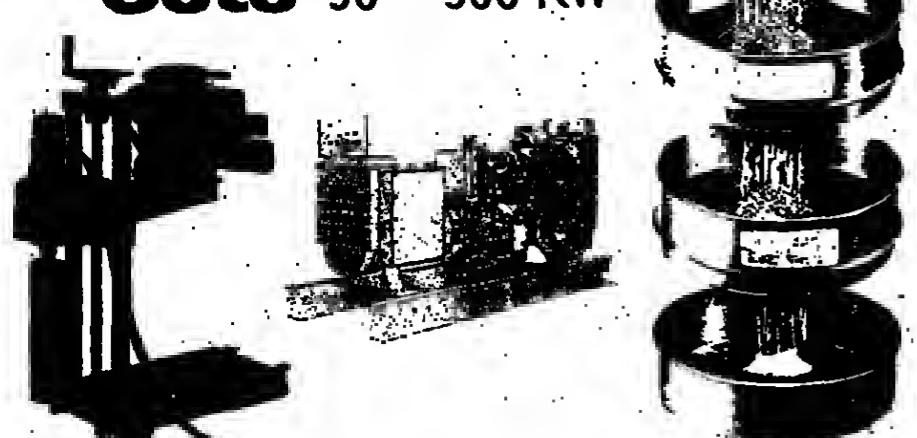
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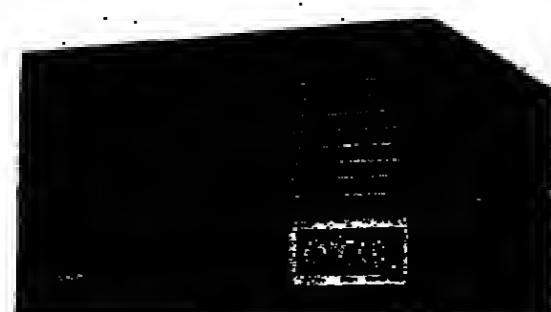
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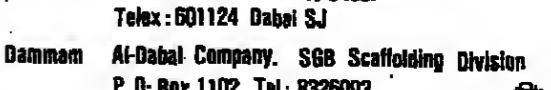
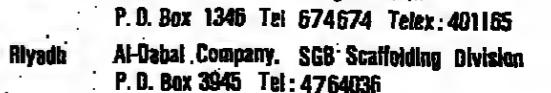
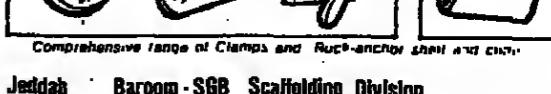
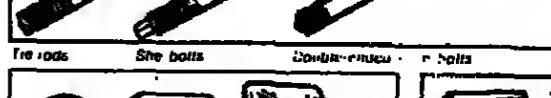
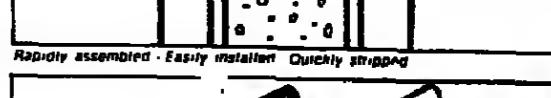
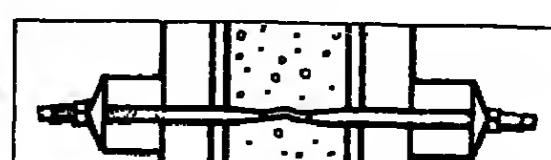
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Fiat's layoff plan sparks unions' call for strikes

TURIN, Italy, Sept. 12 (R) — The Italian Metalworkers' Union has called for strikes throughout all Fiat factories Friday in protest against a plan to axe more than 14,000 jobs.

Unions were told Thursday night that dismissal letters would be sent out to 14,303 workers after a statutory period of 25 days.

The move came 24 hours after talks broke down on Fiat's plan to lay off 24,000 workers over 18 months because of a recession in world car sales.

After meeting both sides Thursday Labor Minister Franco Foschi called for fresh talks Friday. "There is room for resuming the dialogue with the aim of revoking the dismissals," he said.

The Metalworkers' Union, which has been meeting leaders of Italy's three trade union federations, called for a minimum four-hour

stoppage in all Fiat plants. "If Fiat wants a clash with the union, they will have it," one official said.

The strike at the main assembly plants was reported to be 75 to 80 per cent effective, with some white-collar workers joining the walkout.

Fiat has never dismissed workers on the scale currently planned. It has fired small numbers of employees only when they didn't do their jobs properly, a company spokesman said.

The Metalworkers' Union called for immediate government intervention to block the firings.

Fiat said it wants "external mobility of labor," which would mean the 24,000 workers being paid by the state while waiting to be taken on by other firms in the Turin area.

Workers have offered other proposals to cut car stocks and labor costs which Fiat has rejected as inadequate.

Fiat said the union's attitude was "totally negative, incomprehensible and damaging to firms and workers alike." They said official statistics on unemployment in the Turin area showed workers could be absorbed in other industries.

Foschi, calling for new talks, said Fiat seemed still willing to seek agreement on alternative ways to reduce its workforce.

The trade unions federations Thursday night reaffirmed their own willingness to reach agreement but warned of a possible escalation of industrial action.

The government meanwhile, is putting finishing touches on a financial package aimed at helping Italy's auto industry. Fiat is expected to get most of a 1.5 trillion lire (\$1.8 billion) industrial aid fund which is part of the government's economic plan.

UAE may raise oil price by \$4

DUBAI, Sept. 12 (AP) — The United Arab Emirates will raise its crude oil price by \$4 a barrel unless the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agrees on price unification, the Dubai newspaper *Al-Bayan* quoted oil industry sources as saying.

In its Tuesday issue, the paper quoted the sources as saying the situation is now "favourable" for unification because of the current oil market glut and marketing difficulties faced by some exporters.

The price hike would bring UAE crude oil price to level with the \$32 a barrel benchmark price decided by OPEC last June. The UAE produces 1.7 million barrels of oil a day.



Kuwait minister urges reform of monetary system

OXFORD, England Sept. 12 (R) — Kuwait Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah has called for a reform of the world monetary system which would give the Third World more say in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

He told an energy seminar at Oxford University Thursday night the IMF in particular was primarily serving the industrialized states and both international organizations had failed to meet the needs and requirements of the developing countries.

Sheikh Ali's statement came as preparations for the IMF-World Bank Annual Conference in Washington later this month were already threatened by a dispute over Palestinian representation.

Arab oil states, including Kuwait, are trying in the face of stiff U.S. opposition to obtain observer status at the conference for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Sheikh Ali said developing countries, including the oil producers, should have a larger voting power in the two organizations — a proposal which if implemented might reduce the built-in dominance of the two organizations by the United States and its industrialized partners.

Giving an example of what he considered to be the imbalance of IMF lending policies, Sheikh Ali said that when the organization set up a so-called oil facility a few years ago, one half of the funds came from developing countries including the oil states.

But though the facility was meant to help developing countries, the bulk of the funds in fact went to Western industrialized states, with the lion's share going to Britain and Italy.

Calling on the West to reverse its "dismal record" on aid to developing countries, Sheikh Ali also said that the OPEC states provided 40 per cent of total public aid in the non-Communist countries in the four years 1974-77, with the rest coming from the West.

Yet, he added, the total Gross Domestic Product (GNP) of the Western nations in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) was 36 times that of total OPEC GNP.

3 Western firms sign accords for oil exploration in Libya

TRIPOLI, Sept. 12 (AP) — Seven years after its outright takeovers of most foreign oil holdings, Libya has signed agreements bringing in three Western companies to help it find more crude.

The revolutionary government led by Col. Muammar Qaddafi is also twisting arms to pressure foreign companies who are already working here to look for more oil, according to industry sources.

Libya needs oil exploration ability from abroad because it's rapidly draining its known petroleum reserves, oil experts say. Unless it finds substantial new fields, Libya, an OPEC member, won't be able to sustain current production of 1.75 million barrels a day beyond the middle of this decade, the experts say.

That would cut into oil revenues of at least \$18 billion this year, which provide virtually all of the funds needed for Qaddafi's plans to develop heavy industry and provide top-level social services.

Spokesmen for Coastal States Gas Corp. of Houston, Texas, the Royal Dutch-Shell Group of Britain and the Netherlands, and the state-owned Demimex Company of West Germany confirmed this week that all three companies have signed new oil exploration agreements with the Libyan government in recent months. The pacts were not publicized at the time they were signed.

Coastal States said it expects to spend \$75 million on exploration, while Shell and Demimex are each putting up the equivalent of at least \$100 million. Libya has also signed much smaller pacts with the Bulgarian and Romanian state oil companies in a bid to diversify its sources of technology, according to industry sources here.

None of the five companies is currently in Libya.

In the early 1970s, Libya was expelling Western oil companies rather than inviting them in. Qaddafi, who seized power in an army coup in 1969, nationalized 100 percent of British Petroleum's operations in December 1972 and all of Bunker Hunt Oil Co., owned by the Hunt oil family of Texas, in June 1973.

Two months later, Libya took over 51 per cent of the capital of all of the remaining foreign oil companies in Libya.

All experts say that the new Western companies are taking a big chance exploring in Libya because little is known about the areas where they will be drilling. "These are all high-risk areas, but the firms are desperate for crude," said one oilman, who asked not to be identified.

Under the new accords, which are technically known as exploration and production sharing agreements, a company loses its entire investment if it doesn't strike oil. Furthermore, the Libyan National Oil Company takes the bulk of the oil, up to 85 per cent in some cases, if the search is successful.

The company does not have to pay taxes or royalties on the oil it keeps, however. That is significant because the two levies currently swallow about 98 per cent of the profit, according to industry estimates.

Libyan officials are strongly urging Western companies that are already here to boost exploration sharply, industry sources say. The government occasionally hints that the companies might face full nationalization if they don't cooperate, the sources say.

The companies are all minority partners with the Libyan government in their ventures here.

BRIEFS

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — Crude oil imports by the European Economic Community (EEC) were 12.5 per cent down in mid-August as against a year earlier, Guido Brunner, commission spokesman for energy has said here. In the first nine months of this year, imports were expected to total 313 million tons, a drop of 44 million below the same period last year.

LONDON, (AFP) — British Airways has given a new twist to the North Atlantic air fare war by reducing the price of its stand by ticket from London to New York from \$2 to 77 pounds (about \$185). Hitherto the cheapest fare was available on the Laker Skytrain at 78 pounds. British Airways also announced reductions on several other routes, particularly five pound cuts on flights from London to Miami which will now cost 81 pounds and London to Los Angeles at 108 pounds.

BAGHDAD, (R) — Iraqi Minister of Oil Taysir Abdul-Karim conferred in Baghdad Thursday with a visiting Japanese parliamentary delegation on cooperation in the oil industry, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

The delegation also discussed bilateral relations with the deputy speaker and some members of the Iraqi National Assembly (parliament).

NEW DELHI, (R) — Indian Finance Minister R. Venkatanan said Thursday Iran would take up India's case for cut-price oil supplies at next week's meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna. The minister told reporters after returning from three days in Iran that his visit had been very fruitful and Iranian leaders had warmly responded to India's claim as a developing country to receive oil supplies on concessional terms.

LONDON, (AFP) — The cost of living in Britain rose 0.2 per cent in August, the smallest monthly increase since July 1979. It was officially announced Friday. The year-on-year increase was 16.3 per cent as compared with 16.9 per cent in July.

VIENNA, (R) — Romania has decided to slash its defense budget for 1980 by 16 per cent and to spend the money saved by this and other economies on raising living standards, the official news agency Agerpres reported Thursday.

Drought hurting U.S. crops

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP) — Drought and hot weather continued to take a toll of major farm crops in the United States in August, reducing estimated 1980 corn production to 6.53 billion bushels, 10 per cent below last year's record harvest, the Agriculture Department said.

The new estimate, based on Sept. 1 indications, also was 2 per cent less than the forecast of 6.65 billion bushels issued last month. Corn production last year was 7.76 billion bushels.

Two months ago, based on July 1 surveys, officials estimated 1980 corn production at 7.28 billion bushels. But that was before the full force of this summer's heat and dry weather spread into major crop areas.

Soybean production was indicated at 1.83 billion bushels, down 19 per cent from last year's record of 2.27 billion bushels.

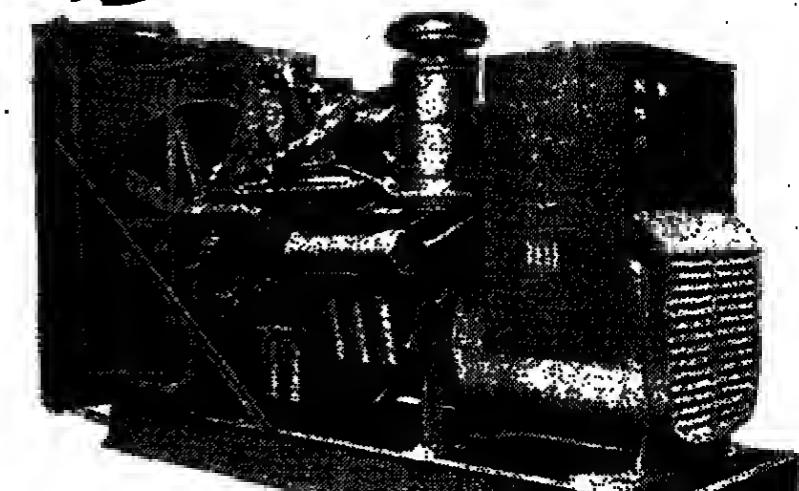
Cotton output was estimated at 11.7 million bales, down 20 per cent from last year's crop of 14.6 million bales.

Wheat production was estimated at a record of 2.35 billion bushels, up slightly from last month's estimate.

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Scotland, Ireland both win

England downs sad Norway

LONDON, Sept. 12 (R) — England took its first step towards the world soccer cup finals in Spain in 1982 with a 4-0 defeat of Norway in the opening European group four match at Wembley Wednesday.

Two goals by Terry McDermott and one each by Tony Woodcock and Paul Mariner gave England a merited win over a hapless Norwegian side whose best hope of being in Spain in two years time remains in the guise of holiday makers.

England's road to the finals via Hungary, Romania and Switzerland, all of whom have to be faced home and away, is not without dangers.

But manager Ron Greenwood will be well satisfied with the manner of this victory, achieved without his injured star trio, European footballer of the year Kevin Keegan, Trevor Francis and Ray Wilkins.

McDermott's 37th minute opener was a goal to savour. He connected with a Graham Rix free kick on the edge of the penalty area and struck a sweet right-foot volley high into the net past helpless Norwegian goalkeeper Tom Jacobsen.

Woodcock's 68th minute effort, if less spectacular, was no less vital. A through ball by Phil Thompson was knocked down by Mariner and Woodcock had the simple task of sliding the ball home from six meters.

The West German-based Cologne striker would have had his name on the score sheet three times but for two bad first-half misses when clean through with just the goalkeeper to beat.

Southampton, Ipswich facing league upsets

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AP) — Ipswich and Southampton, unbeaten joint-leaders of the English First Division soccer standings, both face tricky away trips Saturday.

Ipswich has to travel to London to play youthful Crystal Palace, while Southampton plays Norwich City at Carrow Road.

Palace and Norwich have both made disappointing starts to the season but are dangerous opponents, particularly at home.

Southampton could be without the injured Kevin Keegan for its visit to East Anglia hot manager Lawrie McMenemy is at pains to point out that a team effort has put Southampton in the top spot.

"Southampton have been evolving over a period of time," said the tough Geordie. "We have not just arrived on the scene because of one man. We have a team with a lot of good players and a lot of alternatives."

Southampton also showed plenty of spirit in recovering from an amazing 7-1 league cup defeat against Watford to crush Brighton 3-1 last Saturday.

Ipswich's form has been excellent in the opening weeks of the season and opposing managers have not been shy about praising Bobby Robson's team.

"I rate Ipswich better than (champions) Liverpool on current form," said Middlesbrough boss John Neal.

Robson, a Geordie like McMenemy, remains cautious.

"It is very nice to be on top of the league, but these are early days," he said. "I'd rather

Norway were unlucky to concede a third just four minutes later when Belgium referee Marcel Van Langenhove awarded England a penalty when Mariner appeared to stumble over the ball as he weaved in on goal.

McDermott showed his guests no mercy, however, and thumped the resultant penalty kick into the net.

Mariner was a constant torment to the tiring Norwegians in the later stages and he completed a good night's work with a superb individual goal just four minutes from time.

That effort was not without cost. Just 60 seconds later he was crudely hacked down by Sven Grondalen, a tackle which earned the Norwegian captain a caution.

Until McDermott's opener England had looked strangely subdued, no doubt still suffering from its inglorious trip to the European championships in Italy earlier in the year.

Meanwhile, in Stockholm a goal by Aberdeen's Gordon Strachan 17 minutes from the end gave Scotland a 1-0 win over Sweden in their European group six world soccer cup qualifying match Wednesday.

He took a pass from Archie Gemmill on the edge of the penalty area and his drive beat goalkeeper Ronnie Heststrom inside the far post.

The Swedes had their chances earlier. Goalkeeper Alan Rough turned a close range shot from Thomas Nilsson in safety via his post seven minutes before halftime.

Manager Lars Arneasson said later: "if you look at control of play and scoring chances, we should have won." His Scottish counterpart

part Jock Stein, said his team had done what he expected and he was optimistic about their future in the group. He praised Strachan for his goal but was even more pleased with midfield veteran Gemmill.

With 10 minutes to go, the Scots sent on Tottenham striker Steve Archibald for Liverpool star Delighurst. At the same time the Swedes replaced Erlandsson by Peter Nilsson but the slim Scottish lead remained.

In a tentative first half, with both teams anxious above all to contain their opponents, goal chances were scarce.

Two minutes before halftime, Scotland's Willie Miller let fly from outside the penalty area but his shot flew over the bar.

In Dublin the bold gamble of playing Mark Lawrenson out of position paid off for the Republic of Ireland when the Brighton defender dived forward to head an 84th minute winner against Netherlands, in the group two World Cup qualifying match to Dublin on Wednesday.

His goal came six minutes after Coventry's Gerry Daly had kept the Republic's World Cup dreams very much alive with a 78th minute goal against the once great Dutchmen.

The Irish were undeservedly trailing to Simon Tahamata's 57th minute goal, when Grealish attempted one-two with Stapleton ran on for an unmarked Daly to score from 15 yards, with low drive.

Then Lawrence, switched to midfield as part of the Republic's attacking policy, dived forward to make Lansdowne Road erupt as he headed Liam Brady's free kick.

It was a disappointment for the Dutch, runners up in the last two World Cups but now fielding an experimental team in an attempt to halt their rapid slide down the world ratings.

The Irish had made a lively start. Stapleton shooting wide and Brady, now with Juveotus, forcing a good save out of debut goalkeeper Joop Hiele. But they had a 14th minute scare when Frans Thijssen, the Ipswich Dutchman, scooped Peters' center onto the crossbar.

Most of the Irish impetus in midfield came from Luton's Tony Grealish, as Brady's touch was foiled by the blustery conditions.

But the Dutch started the second half well. Fulham goalkeeper Gerry Peyton palming shots from Spelker and Peters around the post. The Irish cleared off the line by Thijssen, just before the Dutch took the lead.

Mario seemed to have overrun the ball into the Irish area but found some extra pace to knock it away from Peyton's grasp, leaving Tahamata with a simple chance in front of an empty goal.

Hale superbly tipped over a shot from Grealish and Brady cut past a line of defenders before hooking his shot over. It seemed as if the Irish fightback was in vain but eventually manager Eoin Hand's attacking policy paid off.

In Luxembourg, Wednesday Yugoslavia crushed Luxembourg 5-0 in another World Cup soccer qualifier, but only after the mainly amateur home side had kept the score blank before halftime.

Playing in pouring rain at Luxembourg's municipal stadium, the visitors moved onto the attack from the start. A powerful shot from an unmarked Vladimar Petrovic hit the post after two minutes.

Luxembourg then did well to contain the Yugoslavs up to the interval but began to buckle soon after the restart.

Safet Susic opened the scoring in the 50th minute with a solo effort. Zlatko Vujovic then made it 2-0 after 64 minutes and Petrovic headed the third five minutes later.

Vujovic returned to put in the fourth and Ivan Buljan made it 5-0 in the last minute of the match to seal the Yugoslavs' expected victory.



ENGLAND SCORER: Terry McDermott, who scored twice for England, here moves past Anderlecht player Ludovic Goeck in a pre-season friendly.

Flag-stealing British rugby culprit cleared

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Sept. 12 (AP) — A prosecutor asked this week that British rugby player William A. Anderson be sentenced to two years in prison for stealing an Argentine flag.

Anderson, 25, of the Keno-based Penguins team, was arrested Aug. 11 after taking the banner from a flag pole on a government building. He was freed on the equivalent of \$3,150 Aug. 26 to await judgement for the charge of disrespect for a national symbol. Three teammates were acquitted of the same charges.

Prosecutor Sie de Martini told Judge Martin Anzoategui in written arguments that Anderson showed "contempt for the hospitality our country gave him" by his "arrogant attitude" with policemen who retrieved the stolen souvenir from his hotel room.

Defense attorney Ricardo Molinas said Anderson meant no disrespect and asked the judge to set him free, or to impose a token sentence of no more than one month in prison. "It should be enough that the commotion caused by this incident in Argentina has died down," he said.

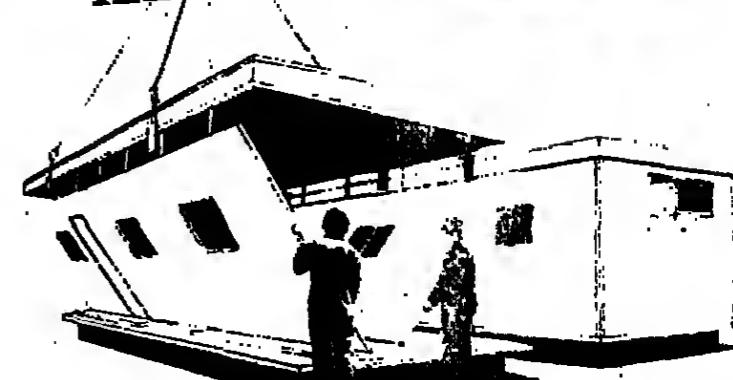
Partially-blinded man loses court hearing

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AP) — A rugby team captain was cleared today from criminal liability for punching a rival player during a "local derby" game, blinding him in one eye.

As he left the court for a party to celebrate the verdict, 31-year-old Gordoo Doble said: "The last few months have been murder."

Doble said he felt "very sorry" for Anthony Higley, 23, a Stourbridge forward and former England Cals skipper — but added "I think cases like this damage the game."

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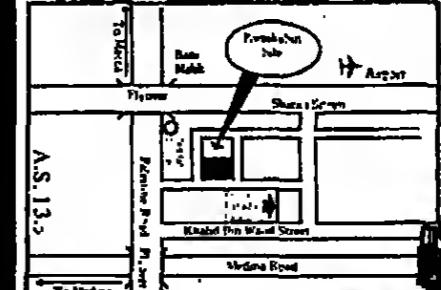
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Watson belts grand slam

New York roars past Red Sox 8-5

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (AP) — Bob Watson belted his first American League grand slam, run in the 10th inning Thursday, giving the New York Yankees a 5-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox. With their 10th triumph in the last 11 games, the Yankees remained three games ahead of Baltimore in the American League East as the Orioles defeated Toronto 6-1.

Watson unloaded his bases-loaded homer as Bob Stanley the second of five Boston chasers, in the sixth inning. Then, after the Red Sox had rallied with eight runs in the sixth, seventh and eighth to pull into a 5-5 tie, the Yankees sped on reliever Tom Burgmier for three in the 10th.

Oscar Gamble started the rally by reaching



Bob Watson

Bucs beat Rams in last seconds

TAMPA, Sept. 12 (AP) — Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach John McKay said his team's top-ranked National Football League defense didn't perform as well as he would have liked Thursday night, but in the end it got the job done in a 10-9 win over the Los Angeles Rams.

"We've played LA three games and they haven't scored a touchdown yet," said McKay. "Holding them without a touchdown was the big factor."

The Rams and Bucs played twice in 1979 with Tampa Bay winning 21-6 in the regular season and Los Angeles capturing the NFC championship with a 9-0 shutout.

The Rams, sparked by 191 yards passing by quarterback Vince Ferragamo, rolled up 160 total yards on offense to just 186 by Tampa Bay Thursday night, but could manage just three field goals.

first on an error. Joe Lefebvre, attempting to sacrifice, forced Gamble at second but Watson followed with a double to right-center, scoring Lefebvre. Watson took third on the throw to the plate and scored on Rick Cerone's single. Cerone came around on singles by Fred Stahley and Aurelio Rodriguez, shelling Burgmier, 5-4.

Ron Davis, the fourth New York pitcher, collected the victory, his seventh in 10 decisions.

Steve Stone won his 23rd game of the season, scattering eight hits to lead Baltimore over Toronto. It was the fifth straight victory for the Orioles, who supported Stone with eight walks, four stolen bases and 11 hits, four of them singles by Al Bumby.

Stone, the winningest pitcher in the American League with a 23-6 record, struck seven and walked four in going the distance the ninth time this season.

A scheduled afternoon contest between Milwaukee and Minnesota was rained out.

In the National League, Bert Blyleven fired a five-hitter and Omar Moreno tripled home a run and scored on Bill Madlock's sacrifice fly to give the Pittsburgh Pirates a 2-1 triumph over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Dick Ruthven scattered eight hits in eight innings and scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly by Bake McBride as the Philadelphia Phillies beat New York 5-1, extending

the Mets' losing streak to 12 games — their longest since 1963.

Gary Carter, Warren Cromartie and Larry Parrish delivered run-scoring doubles as the Montreal Expos scored four unearned runs in the first inning and went on to a 6-5 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

In a late AL game on the West Coast, Willie Aikens had two hits, including a two-run homer, to help the Kansas City Royals snap a three-game losing streak with a 7-2 victory over the California Angels.



Steve Stone

Baseball Standings

National League					
Team	W	L	PCT	GB	SL
Montreal	77	77	.500	—	—
Philadelphia	76	76	.547	1/2	—
Pittsburgh	74	76	.525	3/4	—
St. Louis	62	77	.446	14 1/2	—
New York	59	81	.421	18 1/2	—
Chicago	54	85	.388	22 1/2	—
Wst	—	—	—	—	—
Houston	79	60	.568	—	—
Los Angeles	72	67	.520	—	—
Cincinnati	77	63	.550	2 1/2	—
Atlanta	71	68	.511	8	—
San Francisco	67	72	.482	12	—
San Diego	62	78	.443	18	—
Thurday's Games	—	—	—	—	—
Montreal 6, Chicago 5	—	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia 5, New York 1	—	—	—	—	—
Pittsburgh 2, St. Louis 1	—	—	—	—	—
(Only games scheduled)	—	—	—	—	—
American League					
Team	W	L	PCT	GB	SL
New York	88	52	.629	—	—
Baltimore	85	55	.607	1	—
Boston	75	62	.547	11 1/2	—
Milwaukee	74	67	.525	14 1/2	—
Cleveland	70	68	.514	16	—
Detroit	71	68	.511	16 1/2	—
Toronto	59	81	.421	27	—
Wst	—	—	—	—	—
Kansas City	88	53	.624	—	—
Oakland	78	71	.496	18	—
Texas	69	70	.496	18	—
Minnesota	61	79	.428	26 1/2	—
Chicago	59	79	.428	27 1/2	—
California	55	84	.396	32	—
Seattle	51	85	.367	36	—
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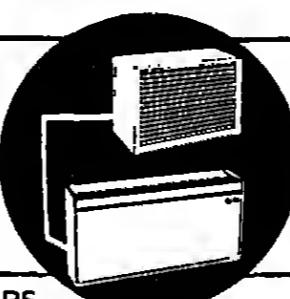
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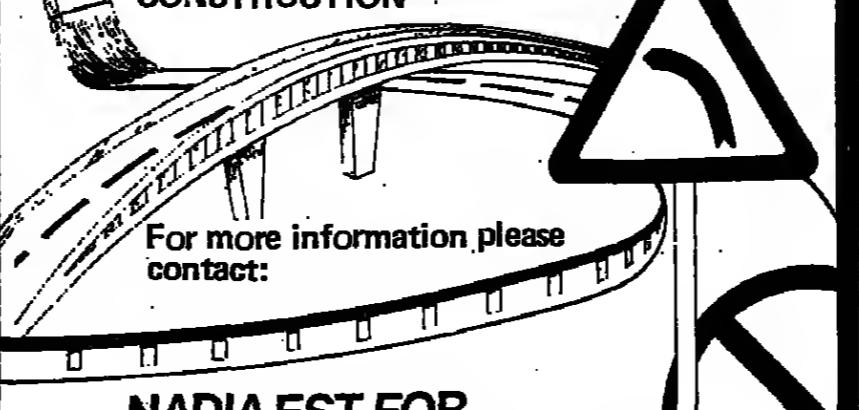
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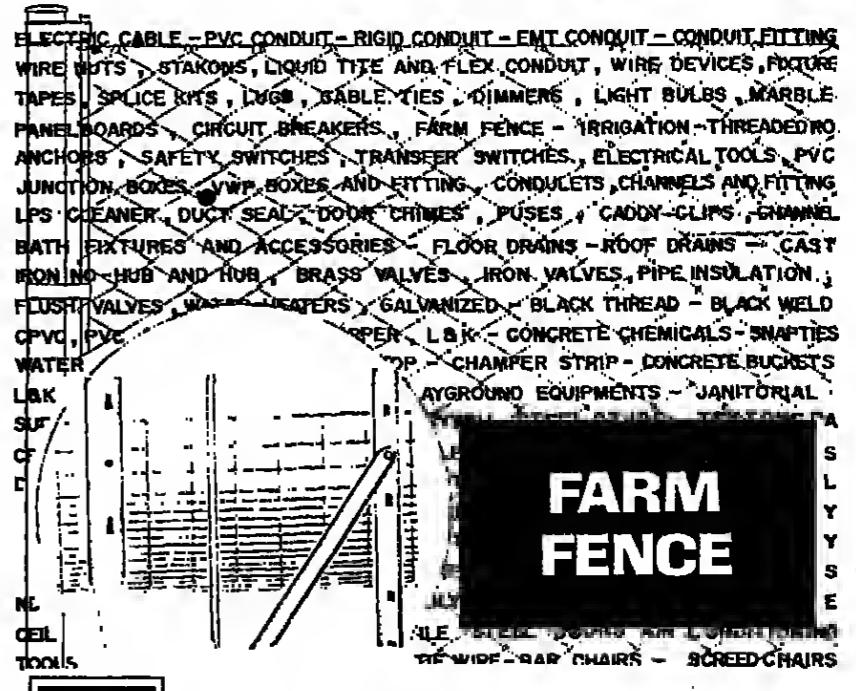
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Explosions rock Manila; 1 killed

MANILA, Sept. 12 (AP) — Seven bomb explosions rocked metropolitan Manila in a span of two hours Friday, killing at least one person, identified as a woman from New York City, and wounding about 30 others, police said. Several of the wounded were also foreigners.

Police said earlier two persons died in the biggest blast at a suburban Manila department store but medical authorities said one woman, identified as Annie Kosmuk, died.

A little-known group calling itself "The Gold reaches 7-month high

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AP) — The price of gold zoomed up by as much as \$20 an ounce in early trading on Europe's bullion markets Friday to reach its highest level in 7 months. The dollar firmed against most key currencies. The London afternoon fixing was to \$685.50.

Bullion traded in Zurich, Europe's main gold market, at \$696.50 an ounce; \$20 up on Thursday's close.

That was gold's highest mark since it hit \$697.50 in Zurich Feb. 12. The all-time peak for bullion was \$835, set mid-January.

Gold opened in Zurich Friday at \$694.50. In London, the opening level was \$695.50. That was \$15.50 up on Thursday's close. Brokers reported "very, very active trading."

Silver also advanced, opening in London at \$22.05 an ounce, \$2.35 better than Thursday's close.

Two held in London jewel heist

CHICAGO, Sept. 12 (R) — Two Americans seized by federal agents as they stepped off a non-stop flight from Britain have been charged with conspiracy to commit Thursday's \$2.4 million jewel robbery in London, police said. The men had no jewels or weapons on them when they were arrested at Chicago's O'Hare Airport the Federal Bureau of Investigation said.

In the London robbery two armed, well-dressed men walked into a fashionable jewelry store ordered the staff at gunpoint to lie on the floor, selected 20 of the most expensive pieces, including the prized 45-carat Marlborough diamond, valued at \$960,000 and then drove off. FBI sources said a car was apparently traced to two men who boarded the British Airways flight to Chicago. Scotland Yard then tipped off the FBI.

The FBI named the two suspects as Joseph Scalise, 42 and Arthur Rachel, 42, both of Chicago.

5 Iranians hauled onto plane

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AP) — Five Iranians, the latest to be deported from Britain, screamed and struggled as police officers physically hauled them aboard an aircraft at London's Heathrow Airport Thursday.

The trouble started as the Iranians, clutching pro-Khomeini banners and escorted by 14 uniformed and plainclothes police, were driven across the runway to the steps of the waiting Iran Air jet.

Shouting "Long live Khomeini" and "The British are Fascists" the Iranians — deported following an anti-American demonstration last month — resisted violently as police tried to get them out of the vans.

Police officers pinned their arms behind their backs and marched them up the ramp. Some were lifted from the ground as they continued hurling abuse and struggling.

The last to be put on board, a bearded young man in jeans screaming "I want to call my wife" and "Down with British imperialism," was dragged on board by four policemen. The aircraft took off on schedule for Tehran.

Britain has deported eight Iranians since Tuesday, when it closed its embassy in Tehran and withdrew all but one of its diplomats, fearing they would be taken hostage in revenge.

Another 36 Iranians are in jail awaiting deportation over the next few weeks as the three-week statutory time limit for appeals expires. All were arrested and sentenced to

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Kim Dae-Jung

Kim cohort says police used torture

SEOUL, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — A Presbyterian pastor said at a military trial of 24 leading South Korean dissidents Friday that his captors tortured him into making a confession.

Lee Hae-Dong, accused of joining a Communist-inspired plot led by former presidential candidate Kim Dae-Jung, told the court that he was being prosecuted on the basis of a false statement extracted after he was beaten by his interrogators, foreign observers at the trial said. "As a pastor, I am shameful to have made a false statement in the course of interrogation," they quoted him as saying. "But I was so badly beaten for days and said yes where I should have said No."

The defendants face prison terms ranging from three to 20 years while Kim Dae-Jung, South Korea's best-known opposition leader, could be hanged if found guilty of plotting to overthrow the government.

The military prosecution demanded the death penalty for Kim Thursday as his court-martial resumed after a five-day recess. Chief Prosecutor Army Lt. Col. Choi Chuog Ki-Yong said that the 56-year-old top opponent of the government should be harshly condemned by the court for committing the "unpardonable" crime of endangering national survival in the face of North Korean threat of aggression.

He said that Kim plotted to seize power by toppling the government through student agitation. He accused Kim of unhesitatingly collaborating with pro-Communist elements to further his political goals of grabbing power.

Labelling Kim an opportunist and demagogue, the military prosecutor urged that he be executed. Kim was arrested on May 17 when martial law was proclaimed throughout the country amid violent anti-government demonstrations calling for democratization.

He was subsequently indicted for military trial charged with plotting rebellion and with having headed an anti-state subversive organization based in Japan since 1973.

The three-man defense counsel contested against the prosecution charges that Kim plotted rebellion to overthrow the government, and led the anti-state organization. "Under martial law how could students topple the government?" asked the defense lawyer Uh Kyung-Man.

He also challenged the validity of statements his client made to the prosecution during a long period of detention.

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for the sake of fulfilling national and humanitarian objectives on our soil and the establishment of the pan-Arab force capable of deterring the Zionist element.

The Soviet news agency Tass also hailed the planned merger calling the joining of the two Arab states "an important event" for both countries and the entire Arab nation.

In the first substantive Soviet reaction to the merger proposal, Tass said "it can be confidently stated that the provisions enshrined in the (merger plan) are a major step along the road of consolidation of the progressive forces in the Arab world." Following is the text of the merger declaration:

"Starting from the basic principles in which the Arab masses throughout the Arab world believe and which are embodied in the principles of Arab unity, socialism and liberation of the occupied Arab lands, and with a firm belief that Arab unity is the inevitable fate of this nation and its salvation from all its problems,

"And in accordance with the resolutions of the regional (Syrian) and national (pan-Arab) commands of the Arab Socialist Party, and the resolutions of the people's committees in the Popular Socialist Library and Jamiat Umma in their extraordinary meeting between Sept. 2nd and 9th 1980 the revolutionary leadership in Syria and Libya declared the following:

"1. Establishment of a single state comprising Syria and Libya. Authority in it is vested with the people.

"2. This state has full sovereignty over the two Arab regions (countries). It will have a single international entity.

"3. The leaderships in the two regions will form a single revolutionary leadership.

"4. The two unitary states will have a national (pan-Arab) currency.

"5. The unitary state will have a single executive authority.

"6. The revolutionary leadership in the two regions will meet within a month to formulate the decisions and draw out the procedures for implementing this resolution."

Officers protest Soviets disarm Afghans

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 12 (AP) — A reliable report from Afghanistan Friday confirmed that heavy and sophisticated weapons were being removed from the defecction-ridden Afghan army, apparently because of Soviet fears the equipment might end up in the hands of freedom fighters.

President Babrak Karmal's submission to the Soviet order was seen as sowing the seeds for a serious rift between the regime and previously-loyal military officers, said Western diplomatic sources.

Several senior officers, including Gen. Baba Jan and Lt. Col. Gul Aka, were admitted to the 400-bed military hospital in the Wazir Akbar section of Kabul on Tuesday, the sources quoted informed Afghan residents as saying. Gul Aka a revolutionary council member, was said to have suffered a heart attack.

But diplomatic observers in the capital believed the officers were not ill but rather manifesting their anger over the removal of important military equipment from the army.

It was not known here whether anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons, which are eagerly sought by the insurgents were among the arms taken from Afghan units.

Meanwhile, fighting was continuing in Herat and Kandahar, both important provincial capitals and the strategic Panjshir Valley, north of Kabul, according to Afghan and

Carialetto show set

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AFP) — The world's largest collection of works by the 18th-century Venetian painter Canaletto, owned by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, will be on view to the public in Buckingham Palace from Dec. 5, a palace spokesman said.

The collection, comprising some 50 canvases and 150 drawings, was acquired by the queen's ancestor, King George III (1738-1820). Some of them were sold to the king by the British consul in Venice, Joseph Smith, one of the painter's patrons.

Poles announce nationwide union

WARSAW, Sept. 12 (R) — Polish workers leaders announced plans for the establishment of a nation-wide free trade union organization which would exclude Communist Party officials from union posts.

The plans were made public at a press conference only a few hours after the head of the official trade union council pledged wide-ranging reforms to his Communist-controlled organization, saying it would take its cue from free trade unions in recommending strikes if talks failed.

The rival press conferences by trade union council chief Romuald Jankowski, a member of the Communist Party central committee, and leaders of the budding new independent labor movement appeared to foreshadow a protracted tug-of-war over the loyalty of the Polish worker.

As Communists and independent trade unionists outlined rival plans for the future, strikes were reported continuing in a number of major enterprises across Poland, including one of its biggest sulphur mines at Tamborz in the south.

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Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

The livelier the battle for the presidential election in America becomes the more I find myself thinking of that saying by the great Islamic Caliph Omar: "We do not place into position of command those who seek it." I wonder what he would say of the shameless, no-holds-barred seeking that is the mark of present-day politics?

The American public itself, it appears, is not a little bemused. A political commentator was quoted as saying that you can't really trust someone who spends two years of his life scheming to get the presidency, and this is assuredly much less than both Carter and Reagan have spent. The two gentlemen, to say the least, are questionable. It takes a strange bird indeed to seek with such enthusiasm a thankless task such as the presidency.

Of the two front-runners, the stranger bird is certainly Ronald Reagan. Some people are saying that it will take a Reagan presidency to make people appreciate the merits of Carter — and even of Richard Nixon. The man is clearly a walking disaster — an actor who never really made it into the big time, still thinks he is old B movies. His preset script, it is clear, is no improvement on the older ones.

The view of Reagan now is that if there is any mistake possible he will make it. His list already impressive. There was the now celebrated "China" after, when he promised and then compromised to recognize Taiwan once he was elected.

Then there was his Ku Klux Klan gaffe, when the dwellers of a certain town in Alabama were startled to learn from the Republican nominee that their town was the birthplace of that dread organization. The fact that the Klan started in an entirely different state tenaciously did not matter to him. It did to the Alabamians.

This propensity to error will become really worrying if he goes to the White House. For while the errors of such as the president of the republic of Vanuatu are tolerable, those of the president of the U.S.A. with his finger constantly on the red button, are not. A miscalculation there would end all miscalculations in this vale of tears.

It's frightening to think that Reagan, ever playing according to script (such, indeed, as his scripts were) will soon find himself alone, under the limelight, having to ad lib. The mind boggles — that's all it can do.

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